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White House Counsel McGahn leaving; key man in legal storms

White House counsel Don McGahn, follows Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh to his meeting with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., at Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

By KEN THOMAS and ZEKE MILLER
WASHINGTON (AP) — White House Counsel Don McGahn, a consequential in-

sider in President Donald Trump's legal storms and successes and a key figure in the administration's handling of the Russia in-

vestigation, will be leaving in the fall, the president announced Wednesday. McGahn's exit continues the churn of top officials

as the administration sets records for turnover and the White House struggles to fill key vacancies. Unlike some less-amiable

separations, however, Trump praised McGahn as "a really good guy" who has done "an excellent job."

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AP-NORC Poll: Many indifferent to Kavanaugh nomination

By KEVIN FREKING and EMILY SWANSON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Does Brett Kavanaugh belong on the Supreme Court? It's a question that may be consuming Washington, but one that elicits a shrug from many Americans. And there's also no nationwide consensus on whether the Senate should vote on his nomination before Election Day.

That's according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, released Wednesday, that finds nearly half of Americans — 46 percent — don't have a strong opinion on President Donald Trump's nominee to replace the retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on the high court.

That ambivalence runs even deeper among independent voters, as fully two-thirds say they've not formed an opinion on whether the federal appeals court judge deserves a promotion. Some people who haven't yet formed an opinion say they need more information.

While the parties have clashed over whether Kavanaugh should receive a vote before Election Day, Americans are evenly di-



In this Aug. 7, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, officiates at the swearing-in of Judge Britt Grant to take a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in Atlanta at the U.S.

Associated Press

vided on that question: 51 percent saying go now and 48 percent preferring lawmakers wait until after voters have cast their ballots.

Count Bob Tomlinson, 61, of Three Rivers, Michigan, among the indifferent undecideds. He doesn't have an opinion on when the Senate should vote, but he has read some concerns about Kavanaugh's views on executive authority and whether a sitting president can be indicted "or held accountable even."

"I do want to learn a little bit more before I make up my mind on the guy," he said. Tomlinson and the rest of the county will get that

chance next week, when the Senate Judiciary Committee begins confirmation hearings on Kavanaugh's nomination. Republicans hope to have Trump's nominee confirmed by the start of the court's new session on Oct. 1.

The tepid interest is a world away from Washington, where the partisan combat over Kavanaugh has been red hot.

Conservative groups are spending millions on television ads designed to pressure Democratic senators to buck their party and support Kavanaugh's confirmation. The ads mostly target voters in Indiana, West Virginia, Alabama

and North Dakota, all states Trump handily won in 2016. Meanwhile, liberal groups are running anti-Kavanaugh ads in Maine and Alaska in the hope that Sens. Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski, who support abortion rights, will decide to vote no.

Among all Americans, those who do have an opinion divide about evenly, with 25 percent in favor of Kavanaugh's elevation to Supreme Court justice and 29 percent opposed. Those opinions are divided primarily by partisan lines. "From what I've studied, he'd be a great candidate, No. 1, and the other reason is, I don't trust the Democrats," said Martin Stefen, 73, of Carson City, Nevada. He's among the 78 percent of Republicans who believe a Senate vote should happen before the election. More than half — 56 percent — say they favor Kavanaugh's confirmation, with just 4 percent opposed.

Kavanaugh spent about five years working in the White House under President George W. Bush as a legal counsel and then as staff secretary. He has served for 12 years on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia

Circuit, authoring some 300 legal opinions. Stefen said he views Kavanaugh as someone who "wouldn't go along with politics" from the bench. "He'd be ruling fair and square, no matter what," Stefen said.

Among Democrats, 69 percent prefer the Senate wait until after the midterms to vote. A 54 percent majority oppose confirming Kavanaugh, while just 5 percent say they favor doing so.

Senate Democrats have described the process for vetting Kavanaugh as broken and have called for Republicans to hold off on hearings and a vote.

"If we do it before the midterms, it'll go too quickly and we'll have too many conservatives on the court, and I don't think that's a good thing," said Anna Horton, 50, of Fountain, Colorado, who prefers that lawmakers wait.

Horton said she is concerned about what Kavanaugh's confirmation would mean for issues such as gun control and the environment. But her chief concern boils down to seeing red flags about any nominee who would be selected by Trump.

"I just have a lot of mistrust for this administration," she said. □

Manafort asks to move upcoming trial, cites publicity in D.C.



Richard Westling, left, and Thomas Zehnle, center, with the defense team for Paul Manafort, leave federal court in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, after previewing of cases as they argue over how much jurors will be allowed to hear of the former Trump campaign chairman's lengthy foreign lobbying career.

Associated Press

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort asked Wednesday to move his upcoming trial out of the nation's capital and to Roanoke, Virginia, with his lawyers citing "intensely negative news coverage" and potential juror bias against him.

"While federal courts often address issues of pre-trial publicity in high-profile cases, it is difficult to conceive of a matter that has received media attention of the same magnitude as the prosecution of Mr. Manafort," the lawyers wrote.

The request is similar to the

one his team made last month before Manafort was tried on a different set of charges in Alexandria, Virginia.

The trial judge refused to send that case to Roanoke, and jurors found Manafort found guilty of eight counts while deadlocking on 10 others.

Jury selection in the District of Columbia is to start Sept. 17 in a trial related to Manafort's Ukrainian lobbying and political consulting work.

In a new court filing, Manafort's lawyers argued that media coverage had been "sensationalized" and overwhelmingly negative, and that would make it hard for Manafort to get a

fair trial. Although Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election isn't the focus of either case, Manafort's defense team say news coverage of Manafort has frequently mentioned his relationship with Konstantin Kilimnik, who U.S. authorities say has ties to Russian intelligence. They suggested President Donald Trump himself had exemplified the problem with an inaccurate tweet — when Manafort was taken into custody before trial for violating the terms of his home confinement — that may have contributed to the misperception that he had been sentenced for committing a crime. □

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Don McGahn**Continued from Front**

Trump said McGahn's departure had nothing to do with his interviews with the special counsel investigating possible Trump campaign collusion with Russia in the 2016 election.

Pressed by reporters, Trump said he had approved the attorney's interviews and was unconcerned about anything McGahn might tell prosecutors.

"We do everything straight," he said. "We do everything by the book."

The departure of Trump's top lawyer, which has been expected, will create a vacancy in one of the most critical — and yet least visible — positions within the West Wing. Besides dealing with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, McGahn has had important input on a range of issues from policy to personnel to national security.

He will remain at the White House until after the expected Senate confirmation vote for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Trump said in a tweet.

McGahn, a top election lawyer who served as general counsel on Trump's campaign, has played a pivotal role in the president's remaking of the federal judiciary with young, conservative judges.

He also helped guide Trump's selection of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and the president's nomination of Kavanaugh and helped oversee a dramatic rollback of Obama era regulations.

But McGahn's time has also been marked by tumult as he has been the main point of contact inside the White House for Mueller's investigation. He has met with investigators on at least three occasions for many hours at a time and threatened to resign last year if Trump continued to press for Mueller's removal.

Trump's announcement came more than a week after a New York Times report that McGahn had

been cooperating extensively with Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling and possible collusion with Trump's Republican campaign.

Trump insisted at the time that his general counsel wasn't a "RAT" and contrasted him with John Dean, the White House counsel for President Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal. Dean ultimately cooperated with prosecutors and helped bring down the Nixon presidency in 1974, though he served a prison term for obstruction of justice.

McGahn has been telling associates for months that he was looking to leave the White House and had discussed the timing. But Trump's tweet came as a surprise to some White House officials and lawmakers.

In fact, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, tweeted after the president's announcement: "I hope it's not true McGahn is leaving White House Counsel. U can't let that happen."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell hailed McGahn as the "most impressive White House Counsel during my time in Washington." He called the departure "sad news for our country."

Emmet Flood, who joined Trump's White House in May as in-house counsel for the Mueller probe, has been considered a leading candidate to replace McGahn and has the departing attorney's support, two administration officials said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

Asked about Flood, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said, "People like him. He's super well-respected around the building. But there's not a plan locked in place at this point." McGahn, 50, has navigated many of the storms of the first 19 months of the Trump White House,

figuring in the drama surrounding the firing of national security adviser Michael Flynn and also Attorney General Jeff Sessions' decision to recuse himself from the Russia case.

When Trump announced McGahn's appointment in November 2016, he cited the attorney's "brilliant legal mind, excellent character and a deep understanding of constitutional law."

But McGahn quickly clashed with the president over the Russia investigation. McGahn, an avowed defender of executive powers, broke with some members of Trump's legal team as he encouraged a less-cooperative stance toward Mueller's investigation, believing it could constrain future presidents.

As members of Trump's legal team looked into potential conflicts of interest involving Mueller, Trump directed McGahn to call Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein to raise the perceived conflicts and



In this Aug. 21, 2018 photo, White House counsel Don McGahn, follows Supreme Court nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh to meetings on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

push for Mueller's ouster, a person familiar with the matter said at the time.

McGahn put off making the call because he disagreed with the strategy, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

When the president persisted in pressing the issue, McGahn told other senior White House officials that he would resign if Trump

didn't back off. Trump let the matter drop, the person said. The president later denounced the reports as "fake news."

McGahn was the White House official approached in January 2017 by Sally Yates, then the acting attorney general, over concerns that Flynn was vulnerable to blackmail because of conversations he had with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak. □

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Sen. John McCain's family cries over flag-draped casket

By MELISSA DANIELS and TERRY TANG

PHOENIX (AP) — Cindy McCain pressed her face against the flag-draped casket of her husband, U.S. Sen. John McCain, on Wednesday and several of his children sobbed during the first of two services for the statesman and former prisoner of war before he is taken for the last time from the state he has represented since the 1980s.

The private service at the Arizona Capitol marked the first appearance of McCain's family members since the senator died Saturday of brain cancer. It also began two days of official mourning in McCain's adopted state before his body is taken to Washington for his burial.

During the service, Gov. Doug Ducey remembered McCain as a senator and internationally known figure as well as a major figure in the history of Arizona.

While Barry Goldwater was an Arizona native, McCain was "Arizona's favorite adopted son," the governor said on what would have been the 82nd birthday of McCain, who was born in the Panama Canal Zone while his father served in the military.

"Imagining an Arizona without John McCain is like picturing Arizona without the Grand Canyon," Ducey said.

Former Arizona Sen. Jon Kyl said he has been with McCain all around the world and he had better instincts on when to assert U.S. power than anyone else he knew.

Kyl said he would miss McCain, whose greatest contribution was national security.

"I will miss him as a friend, and a strong force for



Cindy McCain, wife of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. lays her head on casket during a memorial service at the Arizona Capitol on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in Phoenix.

Associated Press

America, and the world," Kyle said.

Sen. Jeff Flake offered the benediction at the service. Later in the afternoon, the Capitol will be opened to the public to pay their respects.

Arizona National Guard members carried the casket into the Arizona State Capitol Museum rotunda, where McCain will lie in state. Black curtains hung in the rotunda. U.S. and Arizona flags encircled the room.

By the time the service ended and the rotunda was cleared, at least 100 people had already gathered outside to wait for the public viewing. Some had traveled for hours from California and elsewhere. They took shelter from the hot sun under tents erected by security teams while vol-

unteers filled coolers with ice and water bottles.

Chasity Pullin, whose husband and father are military veterans, was among those in line. She said she liked how McCain didn't act as though he was above others, and she praised all he did for veterans.

"It feels like you're losing part of your family, as much as he did," she said.

Ray Riordan, an 87-year-old Navy veteran who fought in the Korean War, came from Payson, Arizona.

"I grew up where a handshake was a contract and your word was your bond," Riordan said. "He represented the last of that as far as I'm concerned."

Kassandra Morales, 44, stood with her sons, 8 and 2 years old. The single mom and Democrat brought

a bouquet of flowers and said she had always looked up to McCain.

"Yesterday I asked my son who his hero was. He gave me a rapper's name," Morales said. "I brought my children here to show them what a real hero was."

Veteran Judith Hatch handed out flags to people in the crowd, saying Arizona lost a champion for the military.

"We'll need someone who is going to step up to the plate," Hatch said.

The viewing later in the day will go on as long as people are waiting in line, said Rick Davis, McCain's former presidential campaign manager.

For some Arizona residents, McCain has been a political fixture for their entire lives. He took office in the state in the early 1980s,

first as a congressman and then as a senator in the seat once held by Goldwater.

Phil Hubbard, a health care recruiter who lives in Scottsdale, held a cold water bottle in each hand as he waited for a chance to pay his respects.

"He believed in something," said Hubbard, who had voted for McCain. "That's what he did, and that's what a lot of people need to do in this country. If you believe in something, stand up for it, whether it's popular or not."

Thursday morning will feature a procession through Phoenix on the way to a memorial service at North Phoenix Baptist Church, with the public invited to line the route along Interstate 17.

The memorial service will include a tribute from former Vice President Joe Biden. Musical choices include a recessional to "My Way" by Frank Sinatra.

From there, McCain will depart Arizona from Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

Another viewing will be held at the U.S. Capitol on Friday, with a final memorial service at the Washington National Cathedral. □

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Boy swept in sewer sticks finger out of manhole and is saved

By TODD RICHMOND

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — An 11-year-old boy sucked into a flooded Wisconsin storm sewer was saved when an eagle-eyed firefighter saw the boy's fingers pop through an opening in a manhole cover.

The astonishing rescue Tuesday evening came as storms pounded the southern half of the state and southeastern Minnesota. The Calumet County Sheriff's Office said the boy was playing with friends in a flooded drainage ditch after the rains passed around 6 p.m. in the Village of Harrison. He disappeared under the water and didn't surface.

A dive team, sheriff's deputies and volunteer firefighters responded. Deputy Fire Chief Wesley Pompa said that when they arrived they found a bystander trying to hold onto the boy but he was sucked into a culvert that led to the storm sewer. Pompa said the water was rushing so quickly it would have sucked a full-grown man into the culvert.

The rescuers could do nothing except try to determine where the flow might take the boy. Pompa called the village road superintendent, Bob Kesler, to the scene to help map out the sewers.

Pompa and Kesler were standing on top of a manhole cover about 30 feet (9 meters) away from the ditch when Pompa saw the boy's fingers pop through an opening in the cover. The boy had found air pocket just beneath the

manhole cover and was hanging onto a ladder leading up to the manhole. The firefighters wrenched the cover open. Pompa and Kesler lifted the boy to safety.

"He was hollering and talking to us and he was able to reach up for us," Pompa said.

The boy was taken to the hospital, and authorities said he was alert and conscious after his ordeal. Pompa said he never got the boy's name.

"I just thank God he was alive and he'd made it that long," Pompa said. "It could have gone a million different ways but this one way it worked out for him."

A string of storms began moving through the region last week, flooding streets and farm fields and cutting power. One man was killed in Madison as he tried to escape from a flooded ditch last week.

State emergency officials said 20 counties have been affected by flooding over the last 10 days. Gov. Scott Walker has declared a state of emergency in seven counties so far.

Hardest hit has been Wisconsin's southwestern corner. Up to 11 inches (28 centimeters) fell in the region Monday into Tuesday, forcing evacuations in La Crosse, Vernon and Monroe counties.

The area got another 1.3 inches of rain on Tuesday. The deluge stranded two Amtrak trains carrying about 400 passengers for hours because of flooding over the tracks. One train bound for Chicago was



A gazebo from nearby Veterans Memorial Park is seen pinned up against the Hwy. 14/61 bridge Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in Coon Valley, Wis., moved there by flood water from Coon Creek.

Associated Press

forced to stop near Tomah in western Wisconsin; another bound for St. Paul had to stop near Portage in south-central Wisconsin.

The trains sat on the tracks overnight. Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said passengers were given complementary food and water and the trains are designed to accommodate passengers overnight. He said the trains are expected to get underway again Wednesday.

Parts of Interstate 90/94 were closed overnight due to standing water on the pavement and highways across southern Wisconsin have been rendered impassable. Emergency officials in Madison were still grappling with flood-

ed streets on Wednesday morning and warned commuters to expect delays for days.

Several tornadoes were spotted Tuesday afternoon in Campbellsport, Lomira, Oakfield and Brandon, Wisconsin, according to the National Weather Service. The service has not confirmed that tornadoes hit in any of these locations. Possible tornadoes also demolished two barns in Fond du Lac County, killing about 100 cattle, Wisconsin Emergency Management spokeswoman Lori Getter said.

Some 12,000 We Energies customers were still without power Wednesday morning as utility crews worked overtime to restore service. □

Southeastern Minnesota has also been struggling with flooding over the last few days. Tuesday night's storms largely missed that area, passing to the south, although some spots got hit hard.

Houston County officials, for example, reported 7 inches of rain and had to evacuate a campground and a tornado came down in Goodhue County, Minnesota Emergency Management spokesman Amber Schindeldecker said. No evacuations have been reported to the state, she said.

Forecasts called for drier weather Wednesday and Thursday. More rain was expected Friday and Saturday. □

Washington state strikes delay school for 75K students

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The school year has been delayed for more than 75,000 students in southwestern Washington state after teachers and districts failed to reach contract agreements, mostly over salaries.

Teachers in seven school districts were on strike Wednesday, according to the Washington Education Association, which represents state teachers.

The walkouts come after other educators around the country have risen up to demand better teacher pay. The movement started earlier this year in West Virginia, where a strike resulted in a raise, and spread to Oklahoma, Kentucky, Colorado and Arizona.

More walkouts were possible in Washington state as teachers unions and the districts try to negotiate salary agreements.

Educators in Seattle — the state's largest school district — voted Tuesday to authorize a strike unless a deal is reached by the time classes are set to begin on Sept. 5. Unions representing educators in other cities have also authorized walkouts. Several dozen districts have



Around two thousand teachers and school employees spill out of Benaroya Hall after voting in a union membership meeting to authorize a strike over wage increases on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in Seattle.

Associated Press

already reached agreements on teacher pay, many with double-digit percentage increases, said Rich Wood, a Washington Education Association spokesman. Teachers in most of the state's 295 school districts opened

contract negotiations in recent months after the Legislature in March approved an additional \$1 billion for educator salaries during the upcoming school year. The Legislature in 2017 also included about \$1 billion over a two-year period for

salaries, starting this year. The state had been under a Washington Supreme Court order to fully fund K-12 basic education. In late 2017, the court ordered the state to speed up its school-funding plan to meet a Sept. 1, 2018, deadline, and law-

makers responded with the additional money.

Local unions representing teachers have said districts now have the money to give teachers competitive salaries. But some school administrators have said they also have to balance that with the need to provide other services.

In Vancouver, where teachers in two districts are on strike, dozens of teachers and supporters wore red and lined a street near a high school waving signs, The Columbian newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Vancouver Education Association representing the city's teachers said the union proposal would use money sent from the state specifically for salaries and does not negatively impact students. Vancouver school Superintendent Steve Webb said on the district's website Tuesday that the district is committed to giving teachers and other employees "fair and competitive wages, but we must do so in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner." Teachers in Longview, Battle Ground and Ridgefield are among those on strike. □

Mom: Ex-Texas officer convicted of murder is a devoted dad



Fired Balch Springs police officer Roy Oliver, center, and his attorneys Miles Brissette, left, and Bob Gill stand before the reading of the verdict during Oliver's trial at the Frank Crowley Courts Building in Dallas on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

By RYAN TARINELLI

DALLAS (AP) — A white former police officer convicted of murder for shooting an unarmed black teenager in Texas is a good man

and a devoted father, his mother testified Wednesday as she urged jurors to impose a lenient prison sentence.

Linda Oliver was among

several people who spoke during the sentencing phase of Roy Oliver's trial. Oliver, who was convicted Tuesday in the 2017 death of 15-year-old Jordan Edwards, who was shot when Oliver fired his gun into a car full of black teenagers leaving a large house party in suburban Dallas.

Oliver faces between five and 99 years in prison. Prosecutors are asking for at least a 60-year sentence. His mother asked jurors for a five-year sentence, saying her young grandson needs his father's support.

"He needs his father's love. He needs his father's income. He needs his father's guidance," she said.

Oliver's wife also testified, saying in Spanish that she was concerned about their 3-year-old son, who is au-

tistic, and the boy's future without his father at home. But the ex-officer's half-sister testified against him, saying she felt compelled after listening to testimony and that she hoped he "gets what he deserves."

Edwards' father told jurors late Wednesday, shortly after the sentencing phase began, that his son always had a smile on his face and dreamed of playing football at Alabama.

Jurors began deliberations on the sentence Wednesday evening.

In a rare guilty verdict in a police shooting case, the Dallas County jurors were not swayed by Oliver's claims that he was protecting his partner when he fired into the vehicle. His partner told jurors he didn't fear for his life.

The shooting occurred after Oliver and his partner responded to a report of underage drinking at the party in Balch Springs in April 2017. Police initially said the vehicle carrying Edwards and his friends backed up toward officers "in an aggressive manner," but police later admitted that bodycam video showed the vehicle was moving forward as officers approached.

Investigators said no guns were found in the vehicle. Oliver was fired days after the shooting.

Gasps echoed around the courtroom as the verdict was read Tuesday. Edwards' relatives sobbed and hugged prosecutors, waved their hands in the air and proclaimed "Thank you, Jesus!" □



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3 from New Mexico compound could be freed as charges tossed

By MORGAN LEE
Associated Press

TAOS, N.M. (AP) — A judge dismissed child neglect charges Wednesday against three of five people arrested at a New Mexico desert compound where 11 children were found living in filth and the body of a 3-year-old boy was discovered.

Judge Emilio Chavez ruled that he could not keep the three in custody because prosecutors missed a 10-day deadline for a court hearing to establish probable cause for the neglect charges.

Prosecutors have other options for pursuing charges against the three — Lucas Morton, Subhannah Wahhaj and Hujrah Wahhaj. That could include refiling the charges or asking a grand jury to indict them. Prosecutors had pressed to keep them behind bars and planned to present new evidence of an anti-government plot and talk of jihad and martyrdom among some members of the extended Muslim family that settled at the compound last winter.

Defense attorneys say their clients have no record of criminal convictions and pose no risk to the public. Authorities are pushing ahead with other charges against the dead boy's father, Siraj Ibn Wahhaj, and his partner, Jany Leveille.

They were due in court Wednesday on charges of child abuse resulting in death, which could carry life sentences in connection with the death of Abdul-ghani Wahhaj. The severely disabled boy's badly decomposed remains were found this month inside a tunnel at the high-desert compound near the Colorado state line.

Prosecutors and law en-

forcement officials have accused Siraj Ibn Wahhaj and Leveille of denying the boy proper medicine and health care as the boy died in December 2017 during a religious ritual aimed at casting out demonic spirits. They have not yet entered pleas.

The boy's mother initially reported him missing last year from Jonesboro, Georgia, after Siraj Ibn Wahhaj said he was taking the child to a park and didn't return. Forensic medical investigators have not identified the cause and manner of the boy's death as they continue their analysis.

Chavez ruled that the other three defendants could be released as early as Wednesday depending on what action prosecutors take. Prosecutor John Lovelace said he respects the judge's ruling and that no decisions have been made yet on how the district attorney's office will proceed.

Defense attorneys said the state Supreme Court put in place the rule on an evidentiary hearing as a fundamental protection of individual liberty and the right to due process.

"We're talking about a month that someone was in custody, it's an absolute deprivation of liberty and that is very precious," said Aleks Kostich, who is representing Morton.

Prosecutors had planned to present as evidence a hand-written document called "Phases of a Terrorist Attack" that was seized from the compound and includes vague instructions for "the one-time terrorist" and mentioned an unnamed place called "the ideal attack site."

Prosecutors wrote in court documents that new interviews with some of the



In this Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, file photo defendant Siraj Ibn Wahhaj sits in court in Taos, N.M., during a detention hearing.

Associated Press

children removed from the compound revealed that one of the adults, Morton, stated he wished to die in jihad as a martyr and that Leveille and Subhannah Wahhaj joked about dying in jihad.

The new charges of child abuse resulting in death against Siraj Ibn Wahhaj and Leveille are tied to an extensive account of Abdul-ghani's death in a journal that prosecutors attribute to Leveille.

Federal immigration authorities say Leveille, a native of Haiti, has been in the United States unlawfully for 20 years after overstaying a visitor visa. □



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Canada stunned and worried about Trump trade threats

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — It started with President Donald Trump's attacks on Canadian dairy farmers. Then Washington slapped tariffs on Canadian steel, citing national security. There was that disastrous G-7 summit in Quebec. Now it's a new North American free trade agreement that excludes America's northern neighbor.

Canadians are stunned by the repeated broadsides from what has long been their closest ally and some have even begun boycotts.

"Everybody is afraid," said Margot Lajeunesse, who helps run a family-owned bistro in Quebec. "We depend a lot on the U.S."

About 75 percent of Canada's exports go to the U.S. so the tariff threat looms large after Trump snubbed Canada and reached a preliminary deal with Mexico.

LaLa Bistro, owned by the Lajeunesse family, is among Canadian businesses that are boycotting California wines, American ketchup and other U.S. products in protest. Some Canadians have cancelled U.S. vacations, particularly after Trump assailed Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the G-7 meeting in June, calling him a "weak" and "dishonest" back-stabber.

"It's not the way you treat a friend," Lajeunesse said.

"It's revolting, agreed Raymonde Kennedy, who has ceased buying American products like mustard and clothing. "We won't be insulted like that, by a man with no brain."

Luc Routhier, co-owner of Bar Le P'tit Canot in Quebec, also banned American wine from his eatery after Trump announced tariffs on Canadian aluminum and threatened Quebec's dairy industry.

"I'm not even going to the U.S. this year," he said. "I'm a golfer, and normally I do two trips a year to the U.S. with my buddies."

"I'll only go back to the United States when Trump



Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland speaks to media during a break from trade talks at Office of the United States Trade Representative, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in Washington.

Associated Press

is gone."

To intensify the pressure on Canada, Trump threatened this week to impose new taxes on Canadian auto imports if Canada didn't negotiate "fairly." Canada must now decide whether to sign onto an agreement it didn't negotiate, or risk that the U.S. and Mexico will make good on threats to do a two-way deal that excludes it.

Canada could lose 60,000 jobs in a trade war and take a 1 percent hit to its GDP — a significant drop because Canada's economy is projected to grow just 2 percent next year, according to estimates from the C.D. Howe Institute, a Toronto-based think tank. Canada had been left out of the trade talks for the past five weeks, but Trudeau said there was still a "possibility of getting to a good deal for Canada" by Trump's deadline of Friday.

"But," he added, "as I've said all along it has to be the right deal for Canada. We will not sign a bad agreement."

Trump expressed optimism Wednesday that a deal could be reached.

"We gave until Friday and

I think we're probably on track," Trump said. "We'll see what happens. I love Canada. And you know what, I love Mexico too. ... I like them both the same."

There is some optimism in Canada's automotive sector despite the Trump tariff threats.

Among other things, the U.S.-Mexico deal mandates that 40 to 45 percent of a car be made in a country with a minimum hourly wage for auto workers of at least \$16 to qualify for duty-free status — a requirement that could stem the flow of auto-sector jobs to Mexico, where auto workers earn on average just \$5 an hour. "This should stop the bleeding in Canada," said Jerry Dias, president of Unifor, Canada's largest private-sector union.

Bank of Montreal chief economist Douglas Porter said the U.S. deal with Mexico leaves Canada in a near take-it-or-leave-it situation. Still, he noted investors have welcomed the news and that helped push the Canadian dollar up 0.5 percent. Stocks of Canadian auto parts companies were up too.

"Perhaps the clearest in-

dicator that the market is viewing the U.S.-Mexico deal as a positive for Canada is the strengthening of the Canadian dollar," Porter said.

Reaction in the Canadian press reflected the mixed feeling about the U.S.-Mexico deal.

"Canada scrambles as U.S., Mexico ink NAFTA pact," headlined the Globe and Mail, Canada's national newspaper.

The Toronto Star had a different take. "PM cool in the face of Trump's NAFTA heat," it read.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland hurried to Washington this week to try to repair the damage and was in talks Wednesday with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and other U.S. officials.

"Mexico has made significant concessions which will be really good for Canadian workers. On that basis we are optimistic," Freeland said of the talks.

But the opposition Conservative Party accused Trudeau of mishandling negotiations by letting Mexico and the United States cut a deal without Canada.

"Canada is on the outside looking in while Canadian jobs hang in the balance," Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer tweeted. Foreign-affairs critic Erin O'Toole said in a statement that "Mexico has usurped our role as the key U.S. trade partner."

Still, the ties between the U.S. and Canada are without parallel anywhere in the world. Trade between the two neighbors totaled an estimated \$673.9 billion in 2017, with the U.S. enjoying a nearly \$3 billion surplus with Canada. Each day, about 400,000 people cross the world's longest international border. There is close cooperation on defense, border security and law enforcement, and a vast overlap in culture, traditions and pastimes.

Trudeau's father, the late Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, offered this take on sharing a continent with the United States. "Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant," he said. "No matter how friendly and even-tempered the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt."

Perhaps the younger Trudeau had his father's words in mind when he asserted that he wouldn't let Canada get pushed around by the U.S. at a news conference at the end of the contentious G-7 summit in June — a remark that enraged Trump.

"He made this point that he's going to make Canadians pay," said Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto.

University of Toronto professor Robert Bothwell said the latest trade deal excluding Canada shows Trump is more focused on exerting American economic might than reaching a fair deal with friends.

"This is going to have a horrendous impact on Canada-American relations," Bothwell said. "Canada may well have to give in to this because of the threat to the auto trade, but it's going to leave a very bad taste." □



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Rumors fueled far-right protest after killing in German city

By FRANK JORDAN

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Far-right protesters in Chemnitz, one giving the stiff-armed Nazi salute, hoisted a large banner showing bloodied women's faces on Monday, above the words "we're colorful until the blood flows."

The message to the boisterous crowd was clear: this is what migrants will do to you wives, sisters and daughters.

But the women pictured were actually victims of unrelated violent crimes, in other countries.

Meanwhile, on Facebook and Twitter, posts praised the German victim of a fatal stabbing that had hap-



Protesters light fireworks during a far-right demonstration in Chemnitz, Germany, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018.

Associated Press

pened a day earlier in the same city, claiming he was protecting a woman from migrants who were harassing her.

But officials say the dispute stemmed from a verbal altercation between two groups, and harassment of a woman wasn't part of it.

Within hours of the Sunday killing, rumors were spreading on social media, sparking spontaneous protests in the city and drawing thousands more to the streets the following night, when the banner was held aloft. While suspected crimes by migrants regularly draw attention in Germany, a country still grappling with an influx of refugees three years ago, the speed with which far-right extremists flocked to Chemnitz caught authorities by surprise.

Anti-migrant sentiment in Saxony, the eastern state where Chemnitz is located, is high, with about a quarter of voters backing the

far-right Alternative for Germany party in last year's election.

Evidence suggests many of those who came were inspired by false information and the deliberate misrepresentation of facts.

"There is absolutely no evidence that harassment was a reason for this dispute," a spokeswoman for Chemnitz prosecutors, Ingrid Burghart, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Claims that the victim was protecting a woman from harassment spread beyond social media, and were picked up outside Germany — including by Russian news channel NTV. □

Car bomb claimed by Islamic State kills 7 in western Iraq

QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Seven people were killed Wednesday in a suicide car bombing claimed by the Islamic State group in a former stronghold of the jihadists in western Iraq, a security official said.

The attacker detonated his explosives-laden vehicle at a joint security checkpoint managed by the Iraqi army and the Popular Mobilization Forces at the southern entrance to the town of al-Qaim, about 30 kilometers (19 miles) from the Syrian border, Maj. Gen. Qasem al-Dulaimi said.

He said four security forces and three civilians were killed in the blast.

Al-Dulaimi blamed IS for the attack, and the group,

through its Aamaq news agency, later claimed responsibility in posts it circulated on social media.

Also on Wednesday, the Criminal Court of Anbar Province, which includes al-Qaim, sentenced three men to death by hanging, finding them guilty of carrying out terror attacks in the province. There was no indication the men were connected to Wednesday's attack.

Judge Abdelsattar Bayraqdar, spokesman for Iraq's Supreme Judicial Council, said the three men were members of IS.

Al-Qaim is a former Islamic State group stronghold in Anbar province in western Iraq.

A spate of kidnappings and guerrilla style attacks

in desert areas in western and central Iraq this summer have stirred security concerns in the country as it seeks to rebuild from its three-year-long war with the militant group.

Iraqi officials declared victory over the jihadists late last year after recapturing Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, in a grinding battle supported by the U.S.-led international coalition against IS.

But heavy-handed tactics by the military and the Shiite-dominated PMF, and faltering efforts at reconciliation between the country's Sunni and Shiite Muslims, have fueled resentment in Sunni Muslim areas that were most affected by the war, and where IS cells are believed to operate.



In this Friday, July 20, 2012 file photo, Iraqi soldiers patrol along the border between Syria and Iraq in Anbar province, Iraq.

Associated Press

Millions of Iraqis have not been able to return to their homes, including hundreds of thousands still living in displaced persons camps. Iraq's military and the PMF have been using the pre-

dominantly Sunni Anbar province as a base of operations against IS in the country's western desert and for air operations against the group in neighboring Syria. □

Archbishop of Pope bombshell claims to be 'at peace'

BY NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The author of the bombshell accusation that Pope Francis covered up sex abuse broke his silence Wednesday and insisted he didn't act out of revenge or anger but out of love for the Catholic Church.

In comments carried on the blog of Italian journalist Aldo Maria Valli, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano said he was "serene and at peace" after publishing his declaration, albeit saddened by subsequent attempts to undermine his credibility.

Vigano's accusations published Sunday — that Francis and before him Pope Benedict XVI knew of ex-Cardinal McCarrick's sexual preying on seminarians — have thrown Francis' papacy into crisis. They have undermined the pontiff's claim of having "zero tolerance" for sex abuse and have fueled the left-right ideological divide that has long split the church and intensified under Francis.

Vigano, the retired Vati-



Pope Francis gives his speech during his weekly general audience, at the Vatican, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

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can ambassador to the U.S., said Francis should resign for what he called his complicity in the McCarrick scandal, though Vigano's denunciations also implicate Benedict and a host of high-ranking U.S. and Vatican officials going back two decades.

"I spoke out because by now the corruption has arrived at the top of the

church hierarchy," Vigano was quoted as saying. Valli, a Vatican expert with state-run RAI television, has said that Vigano twice came to his home to consult with him in the weeks leading up to publication of his bombshell. Another conservative Italian journalist, Marco Tosatti, actually helped Vigano rewrite and edit the 11-page doc-

ument, and arranged for its publication in Italian, English and Spanish-language media.

In the Valli interview, Vigano revisited old Vatican controversies that marked his career and explained that he decided to go public now because the denunciation he had made confidentially to three cardinals in 2012 never was

acted on.

It was a reference to the 2012 investigation commissioned by Benedict into the leaks of confidential documents that became known as the "Vatileaks" affair. Benedict's then-butler, Paolo Gabrieli, was convicted of stealing the papers and leaking them to an Italian journalist who published them in a blockbuster book.

Vigano, long a divisive figure in the Vatican, figured in the investigation because some of his letters lamenting his transfer to the Washington embassy were leaked.

While the investigation's outcome has never been revealed, its findings were so important that in their first meeting after Francis' March 13, 2013 election, Benedict and the new pope were seen sitting across one another at the papal summer residence with an enormous white box between them: It was the documentation from the investigation, being handed off from one pope to the next. □

Merkel arrives for West Africa visit on business, migrants

By BABACAR DIONE

Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived in Senegal late Wednesday on a three-nation West African visit focusing on economic development and migration.

Merkel is meeting with the presidents of Senegal, Ghana and then Nigeria as she presses for further investment in a region that is a source of many of the migrants who make their perilous way toward Europe.

Migrant arrivals in Europe across the Mediterranean from Africa and Turkey are at their lowest level in five years, but the issue remains sensitive. Merkel, who refused to close Germany's borders at the height of the migrant crisis in 2015, has toughened her stance recently to salvage her government from a rift over the



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, left, is welcomed by Senegal's president Macky Sall, at the Presidential palace in Dakar, Senegal, Wednesday, Aug 29, 2018.

Associated Press

issue.

Some in Europe hope that investing more in West Africa will help keep people in a region plagued with unemployment, dodgy infrastructure, rising extremism and now the effects of climate change from leaving.

"We must not be accomplices of the people smugglers. We must fight illegality but also create legality and conditions for work here on the ground," Merkel said after meeting with Senegalese President Macky Sall, according to her spokes-

man Steffen Seibert. Germany announced it would electrify 300 Senegalese villages.

Senegal's president agreed and pointed out the youth who are drowning while trying to cross the Mediterranean. "It is not in the dignity of Africa," he said. He reminded citizens they cannot seek asylum because they are not persecuted at home or at war. "We're a democracy," he said.

Senegal and Ghana are two of Africa's fastest-growing economies and among its most stable countries. Both have signed on to the Compact with Africa initiative to promote private investment that Germany launched last year during its presidency of the Group of 20 industrialized and developing nations.

Merkel is traveling with nearly a dozen CEOs of German companies.

Nigeria is West Africa's regional power, Africa's most populous country and one of the continent's top oil producers. It is plagued, however, by widespread corruption and security threats that include Boko Haram and Islamic State-linked extremists in the north, violent clashes between herders and farmers in the central region and oil militants in the south.

Merkel on Tuesday spoke with the new leader of another of Africa's top economies, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, and invited him to visit, his chief of staff Fitsum Arega said on Twitter. Germany is just one of the countries responding with curiosity to the recent reconciliation between Ethiopia and neighboring Eritrea, with Germany's development minister visiting the long-reclusive country last week. □

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Outcry over retirement age plan brings rare Putin concession

By NATALIYA VASILYeva

MOSCOW (AP) — Facing protests and a noticeable dip in his approval ratings, President Vladimir Putin made rare concessions Wednesday to an unpopular pension reform package that increased the retirement age for Russians. The televised address marked an extraordinary occasion when Putin apparently felt compelled to explain a major policy decision to the public, reflecting the contentious nature of the retirement reforms. The general idea of increasing the retirement age was justified because of Russia's economy and demographic trends and "cannot be put off any longer," Putin said.

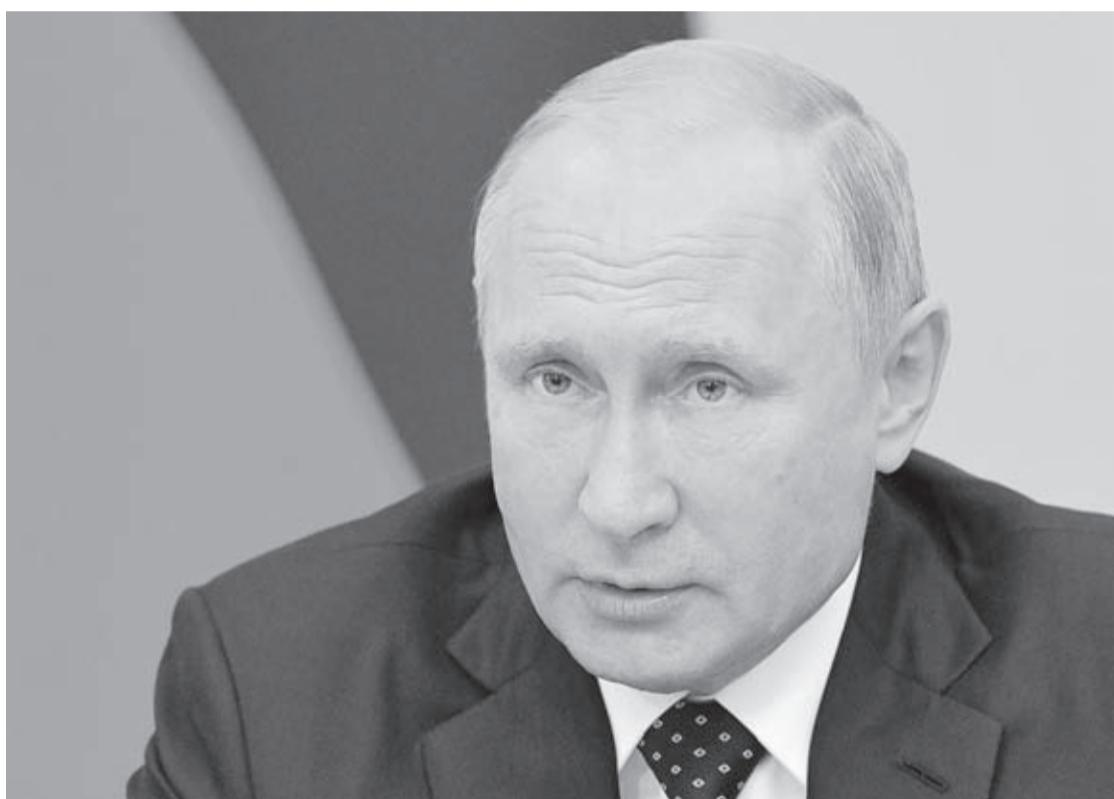
Without such a move, Russia's pension system "would crack and eventually collapse," he said, adding: "I'm asking you to be understanding of this."

In softening the plan, he said the new retirement age for women will be raised only to 60 from the current 55, instead of the previous government proposal to increase it to 63.

Left unchanged, however, was increasing the retirement age for men from 60 to 65.

Russia's economy has been hobbled in recent years by falling oil prices and Western sanctions over the 2014 annexation of Crimea. The country also faces a demographic crisis in the coming years as a result of the extremely low birth rates that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The retirement age is supposed to be raised gradually — by one year every



Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks during a meeting with local officials in Omsk, Russia, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

year over the next five years.

The softening of the proposal for women, to five years instead of eight, was because of what Putin called the important role women play in Russian society. "In our country, we treat women in a special, caring way," he said.

The government's plan to raise the retirement age initially was announced by the government in June on the first day of the World Cup in Russia, when the attention of most of the country was focused on soccer. Putin has refrained from commenting on the subject for weeks, while a widespread outcry over the move began emerging. Alexei Navalny, one of Putin's biggest opponents, has called for nationwide demonstrations about it on

Sept. 9, but on Monday, he was jailed for 30 days over an unsanctioned protest seven months earlier.

The pension proposals have affected Putin's approval ratings, which have dropped from 80 percent to under 70 percent — his lowest since before the Crimea annexation.

Older Russians have seen their pensions rise steadily under Putin and have been among his staunchest supporters, enjoying the stability they believe he has brought to the economy. But many of those who oppose an increase in the retirement age question whether they would live long enough to claim their money.

In Russia, the average life expectancy is 67 for men and 78 for women.

Though the proposed

changes bring Russia into line with most other countries, many families, especially in rural areas and small towns, are worried that their household income will take a serious hit at a time when the young often struggle to find a stable job.

"This reform will hit hard people in provincial towns and in villages," said Arseny Radin, a Moscow-based engineer originally from the Vladimir region about 200 kilometers (120 miles) northeast of the capital.

Radin said his father, who would be retiring in a few years if not for the planned reforms, must travel to Moscow for work "because there are no jobs in provincial towns."

Asked about Putin's proposal to incentivize employers to hire older work-

ers, Radin said: "What jobs are we talking about and what jobs are going to be kept for those people who are close to the retirement age?"

In his speech, Putin voiced other suggestions aimed at softening the blow, including an idea to keep benefits such as tax breaks for seniors even before they reach retirement age.

Although Putin is famous for his annual marathon call-in TV shows in which he talks directly to ordinary Russians via video link, he rarely gives televised speeches to the nation. For example, he did not give a nationally televised address in 2014 when Russia moved to send troops to Crimea and eventually annex the territory from Ukraine.

For years, Putin has avoided discussing the idea of raising the pension age, a move long advocated by his economic advisers.

Sergei Kosov, a 71-year-old Muscovite who watched Putin's televised address, said the reform "has long been overdue even though not everyone agrees."

Speaking at a city-organized activities club for seniors, Kosov called it "a sincere account of the country's needs," even though he thought the government would not be forced to take the action if it was more effective in fighting corruption.

Alexei Kudrin, chairman of the Audit Chamber and one of the earliest proponents of the reform, welcomed Putin's proposals, calling them "well-thought out and crucial for the nation to be able to achieve its goals." □

UN: Ortega's Nicaraguan govt behind widespread repression

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A United Nations report released Wednesday on four months of unrest in Nicaragua describes a comprehensive effort of repression by the government that extends from the streets to the courts.

The report by the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights calls on the government of President Daniel Ortega to immediately halt the persecution of protesters and disarm the masked civilians who have been responsible for many of the killings and arbitrary detentions.

More than 300 people have been killed in violence since mid-April in this Central American nation. Neighboring Costa Rica has been flooded with thousands of requests for asylum by people fleeing Nicaragua.

The report describes illegal arrests, torture and closed trials.

Doctors, professors and judges who have spoken out or protested have been



In this May 28, 2018 file photo, police in riot gear riding the back of pick-up trucks fire their shot-guns towards university students protesting Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega in Managua, Nicaragua.

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dismissed from their jobs to discourage people from participating in or supporting the protests.

"The level of persecution is such that many of those who have participated in the protests, defended the rights of the protesters, or simply expressed dissenting

opinion, have been forced to hide, have left Nicaragua or are trying to do so," according to the U.N. report.

Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, the U.N. human rights chief, told reporters in Geneva that "repression and retaliation against demonstra-

tors continue in Nicaragua as the world looks away." He urged the international community to take "concrete action to prevent the current crisis in Nicaragua from descending into deeper social and political turmoil."

Ortega's government dis-

missed the report as baseless and relying on anti-government media accounts. It denied accusations of excessive use of force against protesters.

"The report is biased and slanted with subjective assertions," the government said in its response to the U.N. office, also noting that it included no mention of the attempted coup d'état alleged by Ortega.

It said the U.N. had not been invited to evaluate the human rights situation, but rather to accompany the verification commission established as part of the national dialogue. It accused the U.N. of overstepping its authority and violating Nicaragua's sovereignty.

In mid-April, retirees and students marched to protest cuts to Nicaragua's social security benefits decreed by Ortega. They were met with violence from young government supporters and riot police. The president eventually retracted the changes, but protests quickly evolved into calls for him to step down. □

Brazil could limit number of Venezuelans entering

By SARAH DILORENZO

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian authorities are considering significantly reducing the number of Venezuelans entering Brazil each day as a border state struggles to deal with the flood of people fleeing political and economic turmoil, President Michel Temer said Wednesday.

The announcement came as Temer toughened his criticism of Venezuela, calling the humanitarian crisis there "unacceptable" in an interview with the Radio Jornal station. The situation in Roraima state, where most Venezuelans enter Brazil, has also become increasingly difficult, and Temer decided Tuesday to deploy military troops there. Roraima's homicide rate has spiked this year and is now the highest in Brazil.

As a result of the crisis, 700



In this March 10, 2018 file photo, people stand at the border between Venezuela, right, and Brazil, near the Brazilian city of Pacaraima, in Roraima state.

Associated Press

to 800 Venezuelans are entering Brazil each day, Temer said, and authorities are discussing limiting that number to 100 to 200.

"We offered humanitarian aid — food and medicine (to Venezuela). The government refused," Temer said. "The government re-

fuses there, and Venezuelans come here." Temer suggested that if President Nicolas Maduro's government would accept aid, fewer Venezuelans would flee. Maduro has resisted such offers, contending there is no crisis and that what's really needed is

for the U.S. to lift economic sanctions.

More than 50,000 Venezuelans, many of whom are hungry or sick and have little or no money and belongings, have applied for refugee or resident status in Brazil in recent years. Authorities in Roraima state say the federal government needs to do more to help them deal with the influx.

Since 2014, an estimated 2.3 million Venezuelans have fled their country's growing humanitarian crisis, including shortages of food and medicine, according to the United Nations. Some countries, like Peru and Colombia, see thousands enter each day, and the influx has strained the resources of countries around the region and led to xenophobia and sometimes violence.

In Brazil, angry residents of

a border town hurled rocks at Venezuelans earlier this month and set fire to their belongings after migrants were blamed for an attack on a local storeowner.

In response to the influx, several countries have tightened entry requirements recently — for instance, requiring Venezuelans to show a passport and not just a national ID as they had previously been able to — but Brazil has so far resisted such measures. Because of shortages of basic supplies like paper and ink, obtaining a passport in Venezuela has become increasingly difficult, so requiring passports effectively limits the flow of legal migration.

Roraima's government has tried a few times to shut the border to stem the flow, but the federal government and courts have so far pushed to keep it open. □

LOCAL



SMFA is interested in adding a beautiful Cunucu House to their collection



ORANJESTAD — Last Friday board members of Monumentsfund Aruba (SMFA) signed a Letter of Intent with the ministry of culture of Aruba. In this document both parties declare their interest in acquiring/ renting the Cunucu House at Pos Abou 19.

SMFA has been in contact with the family for over a year now, looking for the possibility to preserve this beautiful typical house. After signing this LOI Monumentsfund Aruba will start the process of looking for financing for this project and start with negotiations with the government of Aruba for a rental agreement. Once finalized we can continue with signing of the purchase agreement with the owners of the house and the petition to the Monuments bureau for protection and designation as protected monument.

Monumentsfund Aruba considers this a very important project. We currently own twelve monumental buildings but this will be our first typical Cunucu House that will be added to our collection. One of our main goals is to pre-

serve the monuments in top condition for the community of Aruba. This house is in a very good condition including the interior and furniture thanks to the effort of the family to maintain this house as original as possible through the years. No major restoration will be needed once the house is bought just some maintenance works.

Monumentsfund Aruba does not receive any subsidy from the government and for every potential project that involves acquiring a new monument we must make sure to have a long-term lessee and financing from local banks. This is the process SMFA is getting started with right now in the hope that we will be soon back again at Pos Abou 19 with all the partners for the signage of the rental and purchase agreements and make sure that this beautiful Cunucu House from the Tromp family known as "Tan Tin's House" will be kept for future generations.

Monumentsfund Aruba

The mix of cultures in Aruba is very visible in its architecture as -like in all cultures-, monuments reflect your

history and your people. If you take the chance to leave the beach for a little while and take your car off the beaten track you will be surprised what you see. Anne Witsenburg is director of the Monumentsfund Aruba and points out precisely why a monumental trip should not lack in your vacation's itinerary.

The fund owns 12 monuments, out of the 36 protected monuments in the island. "But there are over 300 more monuments on the list to be protected and of course we dream to see that become reality as soon as possible." The international guidelines that apply for monuments decide whether it will be a protected monument or not. "The building or object needs to be at least 50 years old, a special value in architecture or to history or to the people of Aruba is required and there has to be a certain uniqueness. If it was changed too much throughout time or there are already any of the same kind it is a no go."

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The Monument fund acquires or buys monuments and restores them back into their former glory. Then they rent it out. "That sounds easy, but it is incredibly complex as most monuments have multiple owners due to the fact that inheritances are split and all need to decide upon the selling." They cooperate with the government office of monuments because they set the rules of what you can and cannot do to a protected monument. "We also have the task to maintain the buildings which is an ongoing process. The wind, the salt in the air and the sun that not only burns human bodies but also buildings are huge challenges. Next to that we do education, create awareness and maintain public relations about our monuments."

The office of the Monument fund is actually located in a monument itself. The building is beautiful and has a tropical style. "This house goes back to the 1920's

when it was built as a vacation house by Aruban entrepreneur Croes. He and his family came here to the outdoors as in those times there was only Cunucu (countryside) here. They had big parties and enjoyed leisure time with family and friends." Richer Arubans at that time looked outwards for architecture inspiration as that was considered chic, Witsenburg explains. Either to the US (art deco style like the water tower in San Nicolas), Holland (Dutch colonial style) or Colombia/Venezuela. "This house is inspired by a villa around Cartagena, Colombia. The ideas mostly came from the wives", she says laughing.

The Monument fund Aruba is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8 to 5. You are more than welcome to ask for information, guiding and help. For more information check their Facebook page Stichting Monumenten Fonds Aruba and the website www.monumentenfondsaaruba.com. □



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Emely Ridderstaat together with representatives of Aruba Beach Club presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □



Aruba Today Fishing Report for August 2018

ORANJESTAD — The bite slowed down in August, but anglers still managed to reel in a good number of Mahi, Barracuda, and Bonito. With a bit of luck, you could also get an occasional Blue Marlin. The most productive parts of Aruba are still the south and east side of the island. Overall, it's been a solid month for fishing enthusiasts. The bite: Mahi Mahi, Bonito, and Wahoo Captain Milton of Teaser Charters reports good Bonito, Mahi, and Wahoo numbers on the south and east side of Aruba.

Anglers fishing out of Oranjestad also caught a good deal of Tuna and Barracuda. Many of them also managed to pull up Wahoo and Mahi, while a lucky few caught Sailfish and Blue Marlin. Trolling continued to produce the best results. August is also a good time to target Tarpon, Mackerel, Snapper, and Grouper, but fishing for these fellas can be hit-and-miss. To make the most

of your trip, it is best you pair up with a savvy guide to get you to good spots. Fish the south and the east side of the island. The south side of Aruba was the go-to place, especially on half day trips. It produced a fine number of Barracuda, Tuna, and Mahi. The east side of the island was also popular.

Six-hour and eight-hour charters managed to get Sailfish, Marlin, Tuna, Bonito and Wahoo. The weather: Sunny with strong winds with the temperature ranging between 27°C and 33°C, August was a pleasant time to be out there on the water. Some days were less productive. Big waves and wind caused seasickness and a slow bite, especially in the north. Make sure to take dramamine before the trip, as even more experienced anglers got sea sick. Still, most days were sunny and anglers went home with bags full of tasty fish. According to data from FishingBooker.□



Funchi (Corn meal mush)



Funchi is the Papiamento word for corn meal mush and is well-known in Aruba, Curacao and the Netherlands Antilles. Nothing gets more local than a fresh caught fried fish with Funchi on the side. If you might have some leftover don't throw it away, put it in the fridge and the next day just slice it, fry it and put some cheese on top. Hmmm delicious!!

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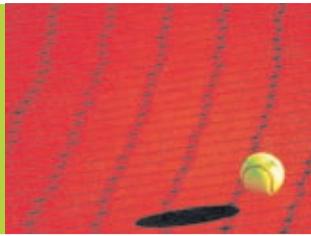
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- 1 tbs. butter

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Mix in a heavy saucepan all the ingredients. Bring to a brisk boil over medium heat and cook for three minutes. Continue cooking an additional three minutes, stirring the funchi vigorously with a wooden spoon or palo di funchi. When the mixture is very stiff and pulls away from the sides of the pan, remove from the fire. Turn out in to a deep, well-buttered bowl and cover with a plate. Now shake the funchi down in the bowl, then invert it on a serving platter.

For a special Sunday breakfast fry sliced funchi in butter and serve with crisp bacon and scrambled eggs.□

SPORTS



In this July 26, 2018, file photo, Cleveland Browns' Mychal Kendricks is shown during an NFL football training camp in Berea, Ohio.

Associated Press

NFL linebacker Mychal Kendricks charged with insider trading

By CLAUDIA LAUER

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cleveland Browns linebacker Mychal Kendricks has been charged with using insider trading tips from an acquaintance to make about \$1.2 million in illegal profits on four major trading deals, federal prosecutors announced Wednesday.

Co-defendant Damilare Sonoiki was paid \$10,000 in kickbacks in the scheme from 2014-2015, as well as perks like tickets to Philadelphia Eagles games, said U.S. Attorney William McSwain. Kendricks played for the Eagles before signing with the Browns in June. Sonoiki had been working as junior analyst at an unnamed investment bank, prosecutors said. An IMBD profile lists him as a writer on the popular TV series "Black-ish" as well as other movies and TV shows.

In a statement released by his lawyer Wednesday, Kendricks said he was sorry and takes full responsibility for his actions. "While I didn't fully understand all of the details of the illegal trades, I knew it was wrong, and I wholeheartedly regret my actions," he said in the statement.

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WAITING GAME



Venus eyes potential clash with Serena

Venus Williams serves to Camila Giorgi, of Italy, during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in New York.

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Venus wins at U.S. Open, could meet Serena in 3rd round

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Venus Williams did her part, then waited to see if Serena would win to set up an earlier-than-usual Grand Slam matchup between the sisters at the U.S. Open.

Venus beat Camila Giorgi 6-4, 7-5 on Wednesday, a couple of hours before Serena was scheduled for a match at night. A victory then would have the Williams sisters meeting in the third round, earlier than they have in a Grand Slam in 20 years.

"Obviously, it's early in the tournament, so both of us are going to be looking forward to continuing to play better," Venus said. "Obviously, it's definitely a tough draw. She's definitely fully capable of winning tonight's match. So hopefully I'll see her Friday."

Defending champion Sloane Stephens and two-time U.S. Open finalist Victoria Azarenka also will meet in the third round after victories on another hot and humid day at the final Grand Slam tournament of



Andy Murray, of Great Britain, runs down a shot by Fernando Verdasco, of Spain, during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in New York.

Associated Press

the year, where simply winning wasn't enough.

Winning quickly and get-

ting back indoors was on everyone's mind.

"Yeah, I'm very happy

about that," Azarenka said after overpowering No. 25 seed Daria Gavrilova of Australia 6-1, 6-2.

Stephens was in trouble early before rallying to beat Ukrainian qualifier Anhelina Kalinina 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Venus Williams was spared some of the most direct sun by playing in the rebuilt Louis Armstrong Stadium, which is well-shaded. But there was only so much protection available on a day when temperatures soared into the mid-90s for the second straight day. "Maybe the hottest conditions I have every played (in)," No. 20 seed Borna Coric said after winning his second-round match in straight sets.

An extreme heat rule was to remain in effect until further notice, allowing men to take a 10-minute break between the third and fourth set of singles matches, and women to do so between their second and third sets. Serena, at No. 17 seeded one spot below her older sister, should face cooler conditions during her night match against Carina Wit-

hoeft.

If she wins, the showdown with Venus would be the earliest between the Williams sisters at a Grand Slam tournament since they played in the second round of the 1998 Australian Open in their very first meeting on tour. They have twice met in the U.S. Open final, splitting meetings in 2001 and 2002. Other seeded winners on the women's side included No. 7 Elina Svitolina, No. 8 Karolina Pliskova, No. 15 Elise Mertens, No. 19 Anastasija Sevastova and No. 23 Barbora Strycova, all in straight sets.

"Especially with the heat, I wanted to make the match a little shorter," Mertens said.

Juan Martin del Potro beat American Dennis Kudla 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 (4), but there won't be a third-round meeting of past champions in the third round. The 2009 winner will face No. 31 seed Fernando Verdasco, who ended 2012 winner Andy Murray's return to the U.S. Open after a year absence with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory. □

U.S. Open: Umpire shouldn't have warned woman for shirt change

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Tennis Association acknowledged Wednesday that a chair umpire incorrectly warned French player Alize Cornet for changing her shirt on court at the U.S. Open — the latest example in recent days of ways in which men and women are treated differently in tennis.

Off court during a 10-minute indoor break because of excessive heat during Tuesday's first-round match, Cornet changed out of her sweat-soaked outfit. She rushed to get dressed before play resumed, she said, and put her top on backward, but didn't realize there was a problem until her boyfriend pointed it out. That's when, standing behind a baseline, Cornet pulled off her shirt and put it back on the right way.

Chair umpire Christian Rask

then admonished Cornet during her 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 loss to Sweden's Johanna Larsson.

"Of course, I was surprised when I just changed (the) T-shirt really quick, and he gave me the code violation," Cornet said at a news conference Wednesday. "I didn't expect it, and I told him it was pretty weird."

The USTA seemed to agree. "We have clarified the policy to ensure this will not happen moving forward. Fortunately, she was only assessed a warning with no further penalty or fine," read a statement from the USTA, which runs the U.S. Open.

There was plenty of criticism of Rask's ruling on social media, including from three-time major champion Andy Murray's mother, Judy.

"If I would say my true feelings, it would be bleeped out, because I think it was



In this Tuesday July 3, 2018 file photo, Alize Cornet of France returns the ball to Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia during the women's singles match on the second day at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London.

Associated Press

ridiculous," two-time U.S. Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka said after her match Wednesday. "It was nothing wrong. Nothing wrong. It wasn't anything disrespectful. She literally changed her shirt because it was backwards. So I couldn't believe this was a

conversation. I'm glad they apologized, and I hope this never happens again."

While women rarely change clothes on court during professional tennis matches, men switch shirts all the time, usually during changeovers — often to catcalls from the crowd.

On Tuesday, 13-time major champion Novak Djokovic sat without a shirt on throughout a changeover as he tried to cool off.

The women's tennis tour, the WTA, called the umpire's warning "unfair," pointed out there was no rule prohibiting what Cornet did and said, "Alize did nothing wrong."

The episode came on the heels of other happenings that sparked a broader conversation about the sport's views of women and men. Most prominent was the declaration by French tennis federation president Bernard Giudicelli that the black catsuit worn this year by Serena Williams at Roland Garros would not be allowed at the French Open in the future.

"It will no longer be accepted. One must respect the game and the place," Giudicelli told Tennis Magazine. □

INSIDER TRADING

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He also claimed he didn't take any of the profits for himself, but didn't elaborate on where the money went.

"I am committed to repaying all of the funds gained illegally and accept the consequences of my actions," he said.

Kendricks said he has been cooperating with authorities since the investigation began.

A message seeking comment from the federal defender representing Sonoiki wasn't immediately returned.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said the league is reviewing the situation.

The Browns said in a statement they are aware of the charges, and said Kendricks will not travel with the team to Detroit on Thursday for the game against the Lions.

"We will comment further at the appropriate time," the team said in a statement.

The Browns signed Kendricks as a free agent in June,



Then-Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Mychal Kendricks answers questions during a press conference at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn., Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

Associated Press

bringing on the Super Bowl winner to upgrade their linebacker corps following an 0-16 season. Kendricks spent six years with the Eagles, who drafted him in the second round in 2012 after he played at California.

The 5-foot-11, 240-pounder recorded a team-high eight tackles in last season's NFC Championship against Minnesota and had four in Philadelphia's Super Bowl win. □

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Zobrist hits RBI single in 11th, Cubs beat Mets 2-1

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs keep rolling along, whether they're running away with lopsided victories or squeezing out tight ones like this.

Ben Zobrist hit a bases-loaded RBI single in the 11th inning to give the Chicago Cubs a 2-1 victory over the New York Mets and their season-high seventh straight win on Wednesday in a game that was suspended the previous night because of rain.

Zobrist grounded the winning single up the middle with one out after Chicago loaded the bases against Paul Sewald (0-5). That kept the Cubs rolling after play was stopped Tuesday night with the game tied at 1-all. The finale of the three-game series began shortly

after the conclusion of the suspended game. The Cubs (78-53) moved a season-high 25 games over .500 and matched their longest streak since a seven-game run last September. They lead the majors with 42 comeback victories and have seven walk-off wins this season.

Sewald walked Javier Baez to lead off the 11th and overthrew first after fielding Victor Caratini's sacrifice bunt, putting runners on second and third. He then intentionally walked Kyle Schwarber to load the bases before striking out Albert Almora.

Daniel Zamora came on in relief and Zobrist ended the game with a single on a 1-1 pitch, waving his arm as the ball scooted to the outfield. "It's a tough spot," Mets manager Mickey Calla-



Chicago Cubs' Ben Zobrist hits the game-winning RBI single against the New York Mets during the 11th inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in Chicago.

Associated Press

way said. "He executed the pitches he wanted to and then got the ground ball. It was kind of a weaker ground ball and just kind of went right in between everybody. Two feet to the

left or right, and maybe it's a double play."

Cole Hamels threw five scoreless innings. Jesse Chavez (5-2) got the win with a scoreless 11th, and Anthony Rizzo matched a

career high with four hits. New York's Jacob deGrom went eight innings, allowing one run and eight hits. He struck out 10 and walked one while lowering his ERA to 1.68. He also had two hits, including an RBI single to the shortstop in the sixth. Hamels had gone the distance in his previous outing for Chicago's lone complete game of the season. He allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked three while lowering his ERA to 0.69 in six starts since being traded from Texas to the Cubs in late July.

Brandon Kintzler came on in the sixth and gave up a leadoff single to Todd Frazier, then walked Jay Bruce. Both runners moved up on Kevin Plawecki's grounder before lefty Jorge De La Rosa got Brandon Nimmo to pop out. □

Phillies lose on pinch-running pitcher's miscue

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pinch-running pitcher Vince Velasquez was called out for leaving second base early while tagging up, resulting in a game-ending double play that gave the Washington Nationals a 5-4 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday.

After Aaron Nola out-pitched Max Scherzer for the second time in six days in a matchup of NL Cy Young Award contenders, the Phillies watched Washington rally for three runs in the ninth to take a 5-3 lead. Ramos got Philadelphia within a run with a pinch-hit double in the ninth, and Velasquez pinch-ran for the catcher. Greg Holland relieved and retired Jorge Alfaro on a flyball to center, with Velasquez moving to third as the potential tying run.

But the Nationals appealed that Velasquez left too soon, and he was called out. A replay upheld the ruling.

Anthony Rendon hit a go-ahead, two-run homer off Pat Neshek (1-1) in the Nationals ninth. The Nationals trailed 3-2 when Bryce



Philadelphia Phillies' Roman Quinn, right, steals second base past Washington Nationals second baseman Wilmer Difo during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Harper drew a leadoff walk from Tommy Hunter. Neshek surrendered Rendon's 17th homer, and Washington added another run on an error after Ryan Zimmerman hit his third double of the game.

BRAVES 9, RAYS 5

ATLANTA (AP) — Pinch-runner Adam Duvall scored the tiebreaking run on a delayed dash from third base in Atlanta's four-run eighth inning, and the Braves beat Tampa Bay to snap the Rays' eight-game winning streak.

Fairchild called Duvall safe on his slide under the tag of catcher Michael Perez, beating Bauers' throw to the plate. A video review lasting 1 minute, 45 seconds, confirmed the call. Pinch-hitter Tyler Flowers, who agreed to a contract extension earlier in the day, followed with a two-run homer that landed in the Rays' bullpen behind the left-field wall. Ender Inciarte, who drove in two runs on four hits, added another homer to center off Andrew Kittredge.

Brad Brach (2-3) recorded the final out in the eighth. The Rays loaded the bases off A.J. Minter with two outs in the ninth. Willy Adames' groundout ended the game, and first-place Atlanta moved 4½ games ahead of Philadelphia in the NL East.

REDS 9, BREWERS 7

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jose Peraza started Junior Guerra's rough outing with a two-run homer, and the Cincinnati Reds withstood Christian Yelich's first multi-homer game.

Since trailing the Cubs by a game on Aug. 4, Milwaukee has gone 8-11 and slid

to third in the NL Central. The Reds ended a five-game losing streak by taking advantage of Guerra (6-9), who gave up six runs and faced only 13 batters in his shortest outing of the season. Peraza had two of his four hits off Guerra, who threw 45 pitches.

Peraza homered and Guerra let in another run with a wild pitch during a nine-batter first inning. Guerra left with the bases loaded and one out in the second. He hasn't won since July 8, going 0-4 in his last eight starts. Guerra has pitched four innings or less in half of those games.

Anthony DeSclafani (7-4) gave up four runs in 6 2/3 innings, including Yelich's solo homer. Yelich added a three-run shot in the seventh off Jared Hughes. Yelich has 10 homers in August and a career-high 25 overall.

CARDINALS 5, PIRATES 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jose Martinez and Tyler O'Neill homered, rookie Jack Flaherty pitched seven innings and the Cardinals beat the Pirates in Mike Shildt's first game since being promoted to full-time manager. □



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Red Sox score on throwing error in 9th, beat Marlins 8-7

The Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — J.D. Martinez scored when Marlins shortstop JT Riddle threw away a potential double-play ball in the ninth inning, lifting the Boston Red Sox over Miami following a wild, back-and-forth final two innings.

Boston snapped a three-game skid and avoided its first four-game losing streak of the season — barely. Miami scored five runs in the eighth inning to lead 6-4, allowed three runs to Boston in the bottom of the inning, then tied the game at 7 in the top of the ninth against closer Craig Kimbrel (4-1).

In the bottom of the inning, Martinez reached on a one-out single and went to second on Xander Bogaerts' hit. Eduardo Nunez followed with a grounder to Riddle, who stepped on second but sailed his throw well past first baseman J.T. Realmuto. Drew Steckenrider (4-3) was stuck with the loss.

ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Nick Martini hit a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning and the Athletics defeated Houston, snapping the Astros' six-game winning streak.

The A's moved within 1 1/2 games of the AL West-leading Astros.

Ramon Laureano drew a one-out walk from Roberto Osuna (1-2), Jonathan Lucroy singled and Martini followed with his double.

Jeurys Familia (8-4) pitched a scoreless eighth. Blake Treinen worked a perfect ninth for his 33rd save.

Alex Bregman's two-out, two-run double in the Hous-

ton fifth off Edwin Jackson made it 3-1.

YANKEES 5, WHITE SOX 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Pinch-hitter Neil Walker connected for a solo home run in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the New York Yankees rallied from a four-run deficit to defeat the Chicago White Sox. Aaron Hicks hit a tying homer in the eighth and rookie Miguel Andujar also had a two-run shot to help the injury-depleted Yankees win for the ninth time in 11 games. With the second-best record in the majors, they began the night 6 1/2 games behind first-place Boston in the AL East. Walker batted for Ronald Torreyes with one out and launched the first pitch he saw from Dylan Covey (4-12) way over the right-center wall for his ninth home run of the season. As he neared home plate, Walker tossed his helmet high in the air and was swarmed by teammates.

Dellin Betances (4-3) struck out two in a perfect ninth.

ORIOLES 12, BLUE JAYS 5

BALTIMORE (AP) — Josh Rogers won his major league debut, Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer and the Orioles rolled over the Blue Jays.

Rogers, acquired from the Yankees for closer Zach Britton in July, allowed three runs and seven hits with two strikeouts and a walk over five innings. He was the first left-handed pitcher to start a game for Baltimore this season.

Craig Gentry went 3 for 5 with his first home run and three RBIs for the Orioles, who won consecutive games for the first time this



Boston Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez, left, reaches first on a throwing error, driving in J.D. Martinez and breaking a 7-7 tie, as the ball gets away from Miami Marlins first baseman J.T. Realmuto, right, during the bottom of the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

month. Trey Mancini added a double and a triple, while Adam Jones tied a career high with four hits.

Blue Jays rookie left-hander Thomas Pannone (1-1) blanked the Orioles over seven innings last Wednesday to win his first major league start. This time, Pannone struggled, allowing seven runs and nine hits over 3 1/3 innings.

INDIANS 8, TWINS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Carlos Carrasco struck out 11 and withstood another scary Minnesota line drive, pitching the Indians past the Twins. Francisco Lindor matched a career high with four hits while Jose Ramirez drove in three runs for the AL Central leaders.

Carrasco (16-7) allowed

four hits in 7 2/3 innings. He is tied for second in the majors in wins, one behind Luis Severino of the Yankees.

In the fifth, Carrasco was hit in the glove by Ehire Adrianza's liner. The force of the blow knocked Carrasco to the ground, but the right-hander immediately got to his feet. The ball rolled toward second baseman Jason Kipnis, who had no play at first.

Indians manager Terry Francona and a team trainer went to the mound, and Carrasco signaled he wasn't injured. The pitcher smiled as the trainer wiped dirt off his left hand and wrist with a towel.

Kyle Gibson (7-11) allowed five runs in 5 1/3 innings.

ROYALS 6, TIGERS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

Jakob Junis held scuffling Detroit to six hits in his first career complete game, Adalberto Mondesi homered to spur a five-run frame and the Royals beat the Tigers.

The only runs Junis (7-12) allowed came in the third, when Jeimer Candelario managed a sacrifice fly, and the eighth, when Jacoby Jones went deep. Otherwise, the Royals' young right-hander was brisk and efficient, striking out seven without a walk to win for only the second time since May 18.

Junis had never thrown a complete game in the minors, either.

Matthew Boyd (8-12) took the loss. □

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Lindsey Horan settles into role with U.S. team, Thorns

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

PORLAND, Ore. (AP) — Had Lindsey Horan not become a soccer player, she suggests she might have been a tennis player.

One problem: She can't really play tennis.

"I'm absolutely awful," she laughed. "So bad."

So it's a good thing Horan went with soccer. Currently in the final stretch of her season with the Portland Thorns of the National Women's Soccer League, she's also about to embark on qualifying with the U.S. national team for next summer's World Cup in France. First up, though, she's training with the national team on short break from her club team. The United States plays Chile in a pair of exhibition matches, the first on Friday at StubHub Center in Carson, California, and the second next Tuesday in San Jose. She'll return to the Thorns for the regular-season finale against the Seattle Reign next weekend before gearing up for the NWSL playoffs. Portland has already clinched a postseason berth but home-field advantage is still in play.

Horan said she's feeling comfortable with her role on both teams. She leads the Thorns with 11 goals (ranking her third in the league) and she's coming off a strong performance for the national team at the Tournament of Nations.



In this July 29, 2018, file photo, United States' Lindsey Horan (9) is hugged by teammate McCall Zerboni after scoring a goal during a soccer match against Australia in East Hartford, Conn.

Associated Press

"I think I'm at my best when I'm on the ball, I'm feeling the game, I feel free, and I'm setting the tone for the game. The first few touches of the game, that's kind of like setting the precedent for me," she said. "So I think my strengths are just being in and around the ball and getting myself in the box and trying to score or make the final pass."

A native of Colorado, Horan was a standout on the U.S. youth national teams, scoring 15 goals in 17 appearances with the under-17 team. She helped the under-20 team reach that level's World Cup in 2012, but had to miss the

tournament because of knee surgery.

Horan was among the top college prospects and was offered a scholarship to play for North Carolina. Instead, she surprised many by taking a reported six-figure deal to play in France for Paris Saint-Germain.

"They expected so much of you and held you to a high standard," she said about playing overseas. "So I think that was really cool for me, learning from all the players out there and being held to a high standard at a young age. It taught me professionalism and how to act on and off the field."

Although skipping college

is fairly common on the men's side of the sport, it is rare on the women's side and Horan was the first. The only other player on the women's national team to go straight to a pro career is Mallory Pugh, who plays for the Washington Spirit.

Realizing she needed to be in the United States to keep the attention of the national team, Horan joined the Thorns in 2016. She scored the lone goal in Portland's 1-0 victory over the North Carolina Courage in last season's NWSL championship game.

A forward for most of the early part of her career,

Horan has shifted to an attacking midfield role with the national team and it has suited her. The 24-year-old has started in all but one of the U.S. matches this year.

"My mentality is to get in and around the box as much as I possibly can and be more impactful in those areas where I think I can make a difference," she said. "I was a No. 9 for so long and that's what I knew. And I think, me as an attacking midfielder, or any kind of midfielder, I should be in and around the box and have that mindset that I'm going to score and help my team as much as possible."

Horan scored on a header in the 90th minute against Australia in the Tournament of Nations, giving the United States a 1-1 draw. The U.S. went on to claim the tournament title.

The U.S. women currently have a 19-match unbeaten streak and they're clearly the favorites heading into the World Cup, provided they qualify as expected in October. The Americans are the defending champions.

"I think this last tournament really set the tone for us. It helped. You know, we're bringing everyone together and we kind of have this team now that we're building off of, and we see a final product," she said. "Going into qualifying that's huge." □

Esports execs say don't blame the games, blame U.S. gun laws

By JOHN PYE

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Esports organizers say don't blame the games.

Executives at the Asian Games have expressed sympathy for the victims of the deadly shooting at a video game tournament in a Florida shopping mall. But Kenneth Fok, president of the Asian Electronic Sports Federation, said the shooting was more a reflection of U.S. gun laws than the gaming community.

U.S. authorities say 24-year-old David Katz of Baltimore



In this Sunday Aug. 26, 2018 photo, the Indonesian team compete in the eSports exhibition at the 18th Asian Games Arena of Valor, Britama Arena, Jakarta.

Associated Press

killed two people and wounded nine others before fatally shooting himself Sunday at a Madden tournament being held at a riverfront mall in Jacksonville.

"Of course tragedies like this should never happen. One is already too many," Fok told a news conference Wednesday about the introduction of esports at the Asian Games. "But I think this is a bigger issue of gun control and access to guns. This very unfortunate incident happened in a video game arena,

but does this mean that it's esports or video games to blame? I don't believe so. It's not esports that caused this. We're really saddened to see this take place."

While several U.S.-based esports organizers have called for better security at events since Sunday's shooting, Indian Gaming League founder and AESF vice-president Lokesh Suji said problems such as the shooting in Florida hadn't occurred in Asia, where the vast bulk of esports and gaming is focused. □

Frenchman Molard grabs Spanish Vuelta lead after 5th stage

ROQUETAS DE MAR, Spain (AP) — French rider Rudy Molard took the overall lead of the Spanish Vuelta on Wednesday, while Australia's Simon Clarke won the fifth stage.

Clarke crossed the line ahead of Bauke Mollema of the Netherlands and Alessandro De Marchi of Italy, with Molard eight seconds behind but well ahead of the main peloton that included former leader Michal Kwiatkowski of Poland.

"My goal was actually to win the stage but I'm happy with the red jersey," Molard said. "It was not expected. A leader's jersey in a Grand Tour means a lot. It's something unique, very special, that many riders would like to enjoy for a day. I'd like to keep it until Sunday. There are three easier days ahead with sprint finishes."

Molard's strong performance in the mountainous stage of nearly 190 kilometers (120 miles) from Granada to Roquetas de Mar gave the Frenchman a 41-second lead over Kwiatkowski in the overall standings, with Emanuel Buchmann 48 seconds off the pace.

"There's always mixed feelings when you lose the jersey but at the end of the day we have to look at the big plan for this race and I think we were riding and controlling all day, managing our efforts, and it was part of the race," Kwiatkowski said. "Sooner or later the breakaways were going to put us under pressure. I have to think in the bigger picture."

Thursday's sixth stage is a flat ride of 155.7 kilometers (96.7 miles) from Huercal-Overa to San Javier in the country's southeast region. □



In this Thursday, July 5, 2018 file photo, Britain's sprinter Mark Cavendish listens during the Tour de France cycling race team presentation in La Roche-sur-Yon, Vendee region, France, ahead of Saturday's start of the race.

Mark Cavendish takes break from cycling with illness

LONDON (AP) — Mark Cavendish will take an indefinite break from cycling after being diagnosed with the Epstein-Barr virus for the second time. The British sprinter has won 30 Tour de France stages, putting him second in the all-time list, but last won a stage in 2016 and did not finish this year's race. Cavendish says "I'm glad to now finally have some clarity as to why I haven't been able to perform at my optimum level." □



In this March 7, 2018, file photo, Seattle Sounders forward Clint Dempsey, left, celebrates with defender Will Bruin, right, after Dempsey scored a goal against Guadalajara during the second half of a CONCACAF Champions League soccer match in Seattle.

Associated Press

U.S. and Sounders striker Clint Dempsey retires from soccer

By TIM BOOTH

SEATTLE (AP) — All Clint Dempsey ever wanted to do was score goals and go fishing.

He'll have plenty of time to do the latter after deciding his goal-scoring days are over.

In true Dempsey fashion, he's stepping away from soccer on his own terms, with minimal fanfare on his own part but amid a swell of appreciation for what he's meant to the American game.

"It's a little bit of a sad day because we won't get to see him play, but at the same time you can also use this day as a celebration for some of the great things he has accomplished in his career," Seattle Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer said.

Dempsey announced Wednesday that he's retiring at age 35 after 15 years of playing professionally. He was mostly a sub with the Sounders this summer, and that, combined with age and injury, prompted him to decide now was the time to walk away even with two months left in the MLS regular season.

He didn't show at his own farewell, only issuing a statement through the

team, also in true Dempsey fashion. Sounders owner Adrian Hanauer said there had been talks over the past few weeks about Dempsey's future and the decision was finalized in the past couple of days.

"After a lot of thought, my family and I have decided that this is the right time for me to step away from the game," Dempsey said. "I'd like to thank all of the teammates, coaches and support staff that I've worked with throughout my career. It has always been my dream to make it as a pro. I'm grateful to have been on this ride. I would like to thank all of the fans who have supported me throughout my career with the New England Revolution, Fulham, Tottenham, Seattle Sounders and the U.S. men's national team.

"Y'all have always made me feel at home, and it is something that I will always remember."

Dempsey is tied with Landen Donovan as the greatest U.S. goal scorer, with 57 international goals in 141 appearances, and both their names come up in the discussion about the best U.S. players of all-time. He captained the U.S. in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil when

the Americans reached the knockout stage before losing to Belgium in the round of 16. He's the only American to score in three different World Cups.

But aside from his international success with the U.S., his most important contribution was helping to dispel a stereotype about American players in the Premier League. Dempsey moved from the New England Revolution to Fulham in 2007 and showed Americans weren't just "try-hard" players; they also have skill. He became the first American to score a hat trick in the Premier League. He played in a Europa League final, and his chipped goal against Juventus while playing for Fulham is regarded as arguably the best of his career.

"Clint changed those perspectives that it's not just a hard-working guy that is going to go grind for it, that he actually could do something special with skill," former U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller said. "Some of the goals that Clint scored for Fulham were truly world class." Dempsey's Premier League career ended with Tottenham and he returned to MLS in 2013 with the Sounders. □

Rights groups to Google: No censored search in China

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — More than a dozen human rights groups are urging Google not to offer censored internet search in China, amid reports it is planning to again provide the service in the giant market.

A joint letter Tuesday calls on CEO Sundar Pichai to explain what Google is doing to safeguard users from the Chinese government's censorship and surveillance.

It describes the company's secretive plan to build a search engine that would comply with Chinese censorship as representing "an alarming capitulation by Google on human rights."

"The Chinese government extensively violates the rights to freedom of expression and privacy; by accommodating the Chinese authorities' repression of dissent, Google would be actively participating in those violations for millions of internet users in China," the letter says.

In a statement, Google



In this April 27, 2017, file photo, visitors use their smartphones in front of a booth for Google at the Global Mobile Internet Conference (GMIC) in Beijing.

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said it has "been investing for many years to help Chinese users, from developing Android, through mobile apps such as Google Translate and Files Go, and our developer tools. But our work on search has been exploratory, and we are not close to launching a search product in China." In the U.S., President Donald Trump and other conservatives have lobbed charges of censorship at Google and other U.S. tech companies, though they haven't provided evi-

dence. On Tuesday, Trump claimed that Google had rigged search results about him "so that almost all stories & news is BAD." A top adviser said the White House is "taking a look" at whether Google should face federal regulation. The companies deny the accusations. Meanwhile, Apple announced plans last year to open a data center in mainland China with ties to the country's government, raising concerns about the security of iCloud accounts that store personal informa-

tion from Apple customers who live in mainland China, even when they're traveling outside the country. Other major technology companies, including Amazon, Microsoft, and IBM, already had similar deals to run data centers in mainland China to remain in the good graces of the country's Communist government.

The rights groups' expression of concern over a Chinese search engine from Google follows a letter earlier this month from more than a thousand Google employees protesting the China plans. The letter called on executives to review ethics and transparency at the company.

Google had previously complied with censorship controls starting in 2006 as it sought a toehold in the booming Chinese economy. But it exited the Chinese search market in 2010 under unrelenting pressure from human rights groups and some shareholders.

Tuesday's letter, signed by groups including Amnesty

International, Human Rights Watch and Reporters Without Borders, said China's controls over the internet have only strengthened since then amid an overall crackdown on civil liberties and freedom of expression. The letter said it would be difficult for Google to re-launch a search engine "in a way that would be compatible with the company's human rights responsibilities under international standards, or its own commitments."

According to online news site The Intercept, Google created a custom Android app that will automatically filter out sites blocked by China's so-called "Great Firewall." Google co-founder Sergey Brin was born in the Soviet Union in 1973 and lived there until age 6 when his family fled. He has said his experience with a repressive regime shaped his and the company's views. However, Pichai, who became CEO in 2015, has said he wants Google to be in China serving Chinese users. □



This screenshot taken on Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018, from the Google Maps website displays what it calls the "McCain Senate Office Building."

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Google Maps mistakenly shows 'McCain Senate Office Building'

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Google Maps isn't waiting for the Senate.

Lawmakers are debating a proposal to rename a Senate office building after the late Sen. John McCain, but Google Maps already displays "McCain Senate Office Building" on its website.

A search for "Russell Senate Office Building" directs users to the same building Wednesday.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., proposed renaming the Russell building in McCain's honor after the Arizona Republican died Saturday from brain cancer. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he'll form a bipartisan panel

to solicit ideas on ways to honor McCain.

Google said Wednesday it was working to fix the problem.

The company said in a statement it empowers people to contribute local knowledge to its maps, "but we recognize that there may be occasional inaccuracies or premature changes suggested by users."

The mix-up comes as President Donald Trump has accused Google and other U.S. tech companies of rigging search results about him "so that almost all stories & news is BAD." Trump offered no evidence of bias, but a top adviser said the White House is "taking a look" at whether Google should face federal regulation.

On Wednesday, Trump reiterated his complaints, telling reporters he thinks Google, Facebook and Twitter "treat conservatives and Republicans very unfairly."

"I think it's a very serious problem because they're really trying to silence a very large part of this country and those people don't want to be silenced," Trump said.

But when asked whether he wants to see new federal regulations imposed on the companies, Trump, who often brags of his record slashing federal regulations, said that wasn't what he's after.

"You know what we want? Not regulation. We want fairness. When we have fairness we're all very happy," he said. □

Stocks rise again as technology companies and Amazon jump

By MARLEY JAY
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks climbed Wednesday, driven by gains for big technology companies and Amazon. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq finished at record highs for the fourth day in a row.

Stocks have rallied over the last four days as investors grew more hopeful about trade talks between the U.S., Mexico and Canada. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Wednesday that Canada could join a trade pact between the U.S. and Mexico by Friday.

The Commerce Department said the U.S. economy was a bit stronger than it previously thought. It said gross domestic product grew 4.2 percent in the second quarter. Stronger business investment was a big reason, as companies spent more money on items like software.

"Corporate spending is up, which is something that is very important for the overall economy," said Quincy Krosby, chief market strategist at Prudential Financial. Technology companies including Apple, Microsoft and Alphabet made strong gains.

The S&P 500 advanced 16.52 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,914.04. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 60.55 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,124.57. The Nasdaq composite jumped 79.65 points, or 1 percent, to 8,109.69.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 6.33 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,734.75. It also closed at a record high.

Technology firms and other large companies started climbing Friday as reported suggested a breakthrough on trade was near. On Monday the White House



In this June 24, 2016, file photo, people walk by the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

said it had reached a preliminary deal with Mexico to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement. Mexico is the U.S.' third-largest trading partner and Canada is second, behind China.

The S&P 500 has risen 3.5 percent in August after a 3.6 percent gain in July. That two-month gain is its best since late 2015.

Amazon jumped 3.4 percent to \$1,998.10 after a Morgan Stanley analyst raised his price target on its stock to \$2,500 from \$1,850.

At that price, Amazon would have a market value of \$1.2 trillion.

"We have increasing confidence that Amazon's rapidly growing, increasingly large, high margin revenue streams (advertising, Amazon Web Services, subscriptions) will drive higher profitability," Brian Nowak wrote. Apple became the first

publicly traded company to reach the \$1 trillion mark early this month. Investors currently value the iPhone maker at almost \$1.08 trillion to Amazon's \$975 billion.

Other retailers struggled. Dick's Sporting Goods dipped 2.2 percent to \$35.60 after its sales fell short of expectations. The company said sales of Under Armour products dropped significantly because of that company's decision to expand distribution of its apparel to other stores.

Chico's FAS fell 4.1 percent to \$8.47 after its quarterly report and watchmaker Movado sank 15.4 percent to \$41.80.

Elsewhere, Tiffany sank 4.3 percent to \$125.48 and Kohl's lost 1.9 percent to \$77.34.

Footwear seller Shoe Carnival surged 13.1 percent to \$41.74 after it raised its an-

nual forecasts following a second quarter. the company said back-to-school sales are off to a good start.

Energy companies rose along with oil prices. Benchmark U.S. crude rose 1.4 percent to \$69.51 a barrel in New York while Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 1.6 percent to \$77.14 a barrel in London.

Homebuilders fell after the National Association of Realtors said fewer Americans signed contracts to buy homes in July compared with the previous month. High home prices and rising mortgage rates are pushing home sales down even though economic growth is solid.

TopBuild declined 2.7 percent to \$65.10 and TRI

Pointe lost 2.4 percent to 14.42.

The companies also dipped Tuesday after the S&P-Case Shiller index showed that home prices rose 6.3 percent in July, a slower pace than the month before.

Yum China climbed 5.5 percent to \$39.23 after the Wall Street Journal reported that a group of investors offered to buy it for \$46 per share, or \$17.6 billion. The Journal said the offer was made in recent months and that Yum China rejected it.

Roku slumped 4.9 percent to \$59.92 following a report that Amazon may challenge it with an ad-supported video service. The Information said Amazon will offer the service through its Fire TV devices, which are owned by about 48 million people.

In other commodities trading, wholesale gasoline rose 1.3 percent to \$2.11 a gallon. Heating oil added 1.4 percent to \$2.24 a gallon. Natural gas gained 1.5 percent to \$2.90 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold fell 0.2 percent to \$1,211.50 an ounce. Silver lost 0.5 percent to \$14.70 an ounce. Copper sank 1 percent to \$2.71 a pound. Bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note stayed at 2.88 percent.

The dollar rose to 111.69 yen from 111.21 yen. The euro dipped to \$1.1699 from \$1.1696.

Germany's DAX picked up 0.3 percent and the CAC 40 of France rose 0.3 percent. The British FTSE slid 0.7 percent.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225 rose 0.1 percent while the Hang Seng in Hong Kong added 0.2 percent and Seoul's Kospi advanced 0.3 percent. □



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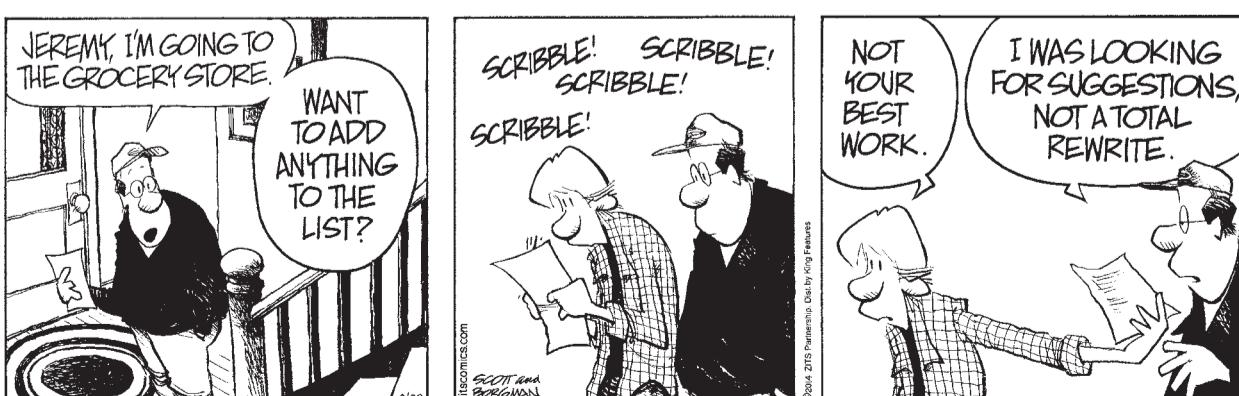
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1 Grow weary
5 Veer off course
10 Goes bad
14 Garden tools
15 Stop
16 Hawaiian island
17 Hole-making tools
18 Arrested again
20 Edison's initials
21 Evergreen tree
22 Beasts of burden
23 Accepted standards
25 "Grand — Opry"
26 Short sleep
28 Company
31 Actress Kirstie
32 Michelob products
34 TV's "Say — to the Dress"
36 Reclines
37 Enlarges a hole
38 Worry
39 Dieter's concern: abbr.
40 Powerful winds
41 Camel's smaller cousin
42 Magazine editions
44 —weeney
45 Launch site
46 Martin or Charlie
47 Up and about
50 Garlands
51 " — Too Late"; Carole King song
52 " — Waste"; Soles
53 " — Says"; Spools
54 " — Cedar Rapids' state
55 " — Unyielding"
56 " — Feminine suffix
57 " — Pinch pennies
58 " — I.R.A.T.E.
59 " — Panhellenic
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61 " — Pauper
62 " — Alter
63 " — Leafy
64 " — Clad
65 " — Peace
66 " — Kin
67 " — Waste
68 " — Essays
69 " — Thing
70 " — Alcove
71 " — Eye
72 " — Eeds
73 " — Souvenirs
74 " — Letup
75 " — Able
76 " — Toot
77 " — Slide
78 " — Nets
79 " — Suds
80 " — Iced

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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40 Rubies & opals
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42 "Beauty and the —"
43 Smack
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of frustration
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to be
46 Mrs. Truman
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A controversial comeback for a highly prized tuna

By PATRICK WHITTLE

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SOUTH PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — On a drizzling summer afternoon in South Portland, marine biologist Walt Golet is helping attach a quarter-ton Atlantic bluefin tuna to a heavy crane so it can be weighed as part of New England's premier tournament for the giant fish. And this year's derby is different than many in the past — there are far more tuna.

A decade ago, participants in the Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament went consecutive years in which they didn't catch a single fish in the Gulf of Maine. This year, fishermen set a record with 30, including the 801-pound (363.33-kilogram) winner. Their record haul is happening amid a turning point for these giant tuna, an iconic species that scientists say appears to be slowly recovering in the Atlantic Ocean. The reemergence of bluefin, which can weigh more than half a ton, has led to debate among fishermen, conservationists and scientists over just how much the big fish have recovered. It remains at a fraction of its population 60 years ago.

"There's probably no fish that's ever been more politicized than Atlantic bluefin tuna," said Golet, a University of Maine professor. "People get a passion for this fish. And people are making a living off of this fish."

The fish have long been at the center of a battle among commercial fishermen who can make a huge amount of money on a single fish, environmentalists who see them as marvels of marine migration, and consumers who pay a hefty price for them in res-



In this Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018 photo, a 422 lb. Atlantic bluefin tuna is hoisted from a boat at the South Portland, Maine.

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The tuna's status as a premium sushi and sashimi fish makes it particularly valuable in Japan, as a large bluefin can easily yield hundreds of meals. A single bluefin sold for more than \$1.75 million at an auction in Japan in 2013.

Fishermen in this month's Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament, which wrapped up on Aug. 4, said many of the bluefin caught that day would eventually head to Japan.

The fish, capable of crossing the Atlantic in 60 days, have been harvested by man for centuries, and an-

nual worldwide sales total hundreds of millions of dollars. The bluefin is listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, due in large part to years of overfishing.

But international regulators say the species has recently recovered enough that it can withstand more fishing, and U.S. ocean managers implemented an increase of about 17 percent for this summer, to the delight of fishing groups. The decision prompted environmental groups to renew their calls for holding the current line on quotas.

Bluefin tuna are harvested on both sides of the Atlantic, using primarily harpoon and rod-and-reel in the west and seining nets and longline fishing in the east. For commercial fishermen like Pete Speeches, who fishes out of Portland, the quota increase reflects a tuna resurgence seen on the water for some time.

"They're definitely more abundant," he said, getting ready to unload a 672.5-pound (305.04-kilogram) tuna from his boat at the Sturdivant Island tournament.

Environmental groups say they fear boosting the quota now and potentially in future years could undo years of conservation work. Shana Miller, The Ocean Foundation's program manager for global tuna conservation, said a quota increase of hundreds of thousands of pounds was excessive.

More fishing is a bad idea because of a possible return to overfishing, and because of concerns that increasingly warming oceans could retard the fish's reproduction, Miller said.

"They pushed it to a level that they know is going to lead to stock decline," Miller said. "Which really makes no sense."

There also remains uncertainty among scientists

about the status of the fish's population, said Grantly Galland, a marine biologist and the global tuna conservation officer for The Pew Charitable Trusts.

"Any decrease in the population now is bad for fishermen in the long term," he said.

The quota increase amounts to more than 750,000 pounds (34,0198 kilograms) when allocations for the U.S. and other countries that target Western Atlantic tuna, such as Canada and Japan, are counted.

In the Eastern Atlantic, quotas are going up even more. An international body agreed to increase the quota there by about a fifth for this year, to more than 60 million pounds (27 million kilograms). Millions more will be added in the following two years. The management of Atlantic bluefin is more complex than for many other fish species because they cross numerous international borders as they migrate to feed and spawn.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, with about 50 member nations, including the U.S., released a report last year that described the species as recovering but still facing challenges.

Although the commission has decided to boost the quota for U.S. fishermen this year, the species will still be tightly monitored going forward, said Brad McHale, a fishery management specialist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"We can't extract more than can naturally replenish," McHale said. "That's a constant struggle."

Steve Weiner, a 50-year harpooner out of Ogunquit, Maine, said he remains concerned about bluefin health on both sides of the Atlantic.

"I'm glad we're getting an increase in quota on this side, because we deserve it," Weiner said. "But we can't manage this fish properly unless the whole Atlantic is properly managed." □

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Ed Sheeran plays himself in Danny Boyle's next film

By RYAN PEARSON
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ed Sheeran plays himself in Danny Boyle's next film, his first significant role on the big screen.

In the movie written by Richard Curtis, former "EastEnders" star Himesh Patel plays a singer-songwriter who wakes up one day as the only person in the world who remembers the Beatles.

"And then I discover him and take him on tour. Then he gets much, much bigger than me through doing stuff. Yeah, it's very clever," Sheeran said in an interview this week. "I got to actually kind of learn how to act. ... With the 'Game of Thrones' thing, that was literally me

popping in for a day and making a cameo. Or 'Bastard Executioner' was me popping in for a day. But this was like full days on set, like full 12-hour days."

Sheeran completed his part of production earlier this year, in the middle of his latest tour. The as-yet-untitled movie is set for release in September 2019.

"They shot it around loads of my gigs. So it was a very intense two months. Because I would have four days of gigging and then three days of shooting a film," Sheeran said. "I was playing myself, so I don't think I was that bad. There wasn't much to (mess) up." The 27-year-old British pop star says his long-term goal in Hollywood is to make a



In this Feb. 21, 2018 file photo, singer Ed Sheeran poses for photographers upon arrival at the Brit Awards 2018 in London.

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movie musical in the vein of the 2007 Irish romance "Once."

"I want to make something like that. Something like

that where songs dictate the film in a way," he said. "I can't see myself playing an Avenger, you know? I don't really want to be actor."



Jury President Guillermo del Toro poses for photographers at the photo call for the Jury at the 75th edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

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Guillermo del Toro passionately pushes for gender equality

By ADAM EGAN

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Guillermo del Toro says a push for gender equality in Hollywood "is beyond a gesture, it's a need."

The Mexican director behind the Oscar-winning "The Shape of Water" was speaking Wednesday at the Venice International Film Festival, where he is head of this year's jury. In a passionate speech during the jury press conference, de Toro said: "The goal has to be clear and has to remain to be 50/50 by 2020." "It's a real problem we have in the culture in general. Many of the voices

that should be heard, need to be heard," he said. "It needs to be solved in every one of our pertinent departments with strength and resolve."

This year's jury consists of five women and four men in an effort to readdress the imbalance that has occurred in previous years. Australian actress Naomi Watts is on the panel — an experience she hopes will be "life altering."

"To sit in a disciplined way and spend the next 10 days watching two to three films a day is extraordinary and I have just never had that opportunity." □

Sheeran was promoting a new Apple Music documentary "Songwriter," focused on the creation of his last album.

Directed by his cousin Murray Cummings, it includes a scene featuring Sheeran's fiancée Cherry Seaborn but doesn't delve into his personal life.

"I give so much of myself in my songs and in just me. And there are just certain choices that I can make, that I can keep certain things private, basically," Sheeran said. "And I think my home and my family and my partner - I think those are things that they are very private, and they are the best things in my life. So I don't want to ruin them." □

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John Krasinski tackles terror, career shift in 'Jack Ryan'

By LYNN ELBER

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Krasinski comes across in conversation as a disarming match to his screen image, the sort of easy-going, decent guy he played on TV's "The Office" and in the romantic comedy "Away We Go."

Make that his former image. In a burst of creative versatility, he's fashioned himself into an acclaimed film director with "A Quiet Place" (in which he plays opposite wife Emily Blunt) and muscular heroes in the movie "13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi" and the new Amazon series "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan," debuting Friday.

In low-key style, Krasinski is proving that expectations are to be ignored. Who could have predicted that gangly, deskbound Jim of "The Office" would be hunting Middle Eastern terrorists as fledgling CIA analyst Ryan, or that the latest iteration of Clancy's big-canvas work would arrive — cinematically intact — on the small screen?

Such boundary-busting



This image released by Amazon shows John Krasinski, left, and Wendell Pierce in a scene from "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan."

can be traced back to Krasinski's 2005-13 "Office" days, in the sitcom that he considered "the best thing out there, movie or television."

"I felt so proud to be a part of it, and so my definition of television and film was always blended. I never saw it as film or television, but rather just the best project going, the best character I can play," he said, something that's easier than ever to find on TV with the explosion of "really great shows."

The specific attraction of "Jack Ryan," his first series since "The Office," was both its form and content. With the debut season's eight episodes (filming on season two is already underway), it's possible to reimagine and delve into the title role in ways not possible in a time-constrained movie, Krasinski said. And then there's the character himself, something of a childhood obsession for the actor.

"It may sound hokey, but I think that Jack Ryan was always one of those characters that you actually thought you could be one day. You can't grow up to be Superman or Spider-Man," he said. It was plausible to imagine becoming Ryan, a man who "used his brain and his instincts and was able to do extraordinary things."

Casting the part was criti-

man, a terrorist with a tragic family history, and Dina Shihabi as his wife, Hanin.

Whatever changes have been introduced don't clash with Ryan's steadfastness, said Roland, describing it at odds with the "age of the anti-hero" such as Claire Danes' troubled character in "Homeland."

"It felt really novel in a weird way to come back to a classic hero, a hero whose morality is his strength," he said. It's not just Ryan who's the good guy: The CIA also wears a white hat, unlike other dramas depicting the agency as what Roland called a "cabal" filled with back-stabbers.

"We did an extensive amount of research, spent a lot of time with military people, with former and current members of the intelligence community, and we witnessed such a high level of professionalism," Cuse said. "We had a great appreciation for the role that these people play in keeping us safe and keeping the world safe and the importance of the United States as a beacon of democracy."

That said, the producers reject the possibility that the show might be seen as a rebuke to President Donald Trump's criticism of U.S. intelligence agencies and his public war of words with some former chiefs.

"Our intention was to entertain people and to give Clancy fans the portrayal of the military and the CIA that they remember from the books and from the early movies," Roland said.

Krasinski, a Massachusetts native whose extended family has a deep record of military service, salutes the approach. His said his research for the series gave him a newfound respect for the CIA and those in it.

"I remember somebody there saying, 'You know, politics come and go, but it's the soul of America that we're on the front line for,'" he said. "I'm certainly one of those people that grew up with incredible parents who reminded us to be very, very proud of the country that we're from." □

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Reality show about the wealthy triggers backlash in Mexico

By SOFIA ORTEGA

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A new Netflix reality series following the lavish lives of nine wealthy, light-skinned socialites in Mexico City has provoked a backlash from critics who say it's tone-deaf in a country where most have darker skin and about half the population lives in poverty.

"Trash," "filth," "pathetic," "classist," were some of the more polite adjectives Twitter users employed to describe their reaction to the show, "Made in Mexico." Critics are also questioning the timing of the streaming service's first Mexican reality show, announced a little over a month after the country overwhelmingly elected as president the leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, who rails against what he calls an entrenched and corrupt elite and promises to make the poor his top priority.

"In the last elections we showed that we live in a democratic country. Nonetheless, we still suffer terrible atavisms related to classism and, what's worse, racism," said Guadalupe Loaeza, who has written several books about the Mexican

elite. "More than money, the color of one's skin is definitive ... for whether one is accepted or not among the 'rich boys and girls.'" "Made in Mexico" producers did not respond to multiple requests for comment. But Hanna Jaff, a 30-year-old, San Diego-born Mexican philanthropist, speaker and human rights activist, told The Associated Press that she and the other cast members are representative of Mexico as family people with different backgrounds and professions and "our own problems within our circumstances." She said the show will offer a positive, intellectual, entrepreneurial vision of the country, in contrast to what's often seen in media such as Netflix, which hosts a number of violent narco-dramas such as "El Chapo," about notorious Sinaloa cartel kingpin Joaquin Guzman Loera.

"I wanted the world to see a different Mexico, from a different point of view," Jaff said. "I think there will always be negative and positive people, no? ... And in truth, the program is not a stereotype."

At least in early advertising, however, Netflix has



In this June 6, 2018, photo, provided by Netflix, Hanna Jaff, a 30-year-old, San Diego-born Mexican philanthropist, speaker and human rights activist.

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been touting it somewhat differently: "Get to know the opulent lifestyles and infamous dynasties of Mexico City's socialites and the

expats vying for a spot in their exclusive social order," reads the teaser for the show in the app.

Some have also objected

to its English-language title, an affectation common in magazines and advertising aimed at well-to-do Mexicans. Besides Jaff, at least two other cast members are reportedly American. The white and the wealthy have long dominated Mexican media, from telenovelas to newscasts to high-society supplements of national newspapers that chronicle fancy weddings, galas and mansions, with hardly a dark-skinned face to be found.

Loaeza referenced what are known in the country as "mirreyes" — a motherly expression meaning roughly "my little kings" — the flashy young scions of wealth and privilege known for sharing photos of luxurious cars, clothes, vacations and bling on platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The phenomenon has taken off in recent years, amplified by the explosion of social media and accompanied by a number of corruption scandals during the administration of President Enrique Pena Nieto.

"These 'new rich' are totally aspirational, even though they are criticized," Loaeza said. □

Justin Vernon, Aaron Dessner create Big Red Machine

By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

Big Red Machine, "Big Red Machine" (PEOPLE/Jagjaguwar)

Big Red Machine is a long-in-the-making project led by Bon Iver's Justin Vernon and The National's Aaron Dessner. Its roots go back to an eponymous song the pair created for "Dark Is the Night," a momentous 2009 compilation in the Red Hot series benefiting the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Besides the usual physical formats, the album is being released on PEOPLE, a new digital platform co-founded by the two musicians with a few others and which was part of the record's creative process, with contributions from a varied roster including Lisa



This cover image released by PEOPLE/Jagjaguwar shows the self-titled album for Big Red Machine.

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Hannigan, The Staves, Brad Cook, JT Bates and several of Dessner's bandmates.

Keeping all that in mind, it's difficult to consider the music separately from its source and the predominant sounds on "Big Red Machine" reflect its collective nature. Some of the tunes have over a dozen musicians and there are layers upon layers of vocals and electronic and acoustic sounds throughout. Sometimes they enhance the listening pleasure, like on "Lyla," "Gratitude" and "Hymnistic," while sometimes they're more of a distraction ("Air Stryp," "Melt"). Since he's the lead singer and lyricist — some of the words border on stream of consciousness, others are more straightforward —

Vernon's presence is the most immediate. Some of the album's best moments, however, including the meditative "Forest Green" and the comparatively conventional "I Won't Run From It," clearly have Dessner's soundprints all over them.

According to its creators, PEOPLE is meant to give musicians and artists an easily accessible environment to exhibit works in progress as well as final products, react and add to each other's efforts and spawn collaborations.

The 10 songs on "Big Red Machine" are loaded with experimentation, some of it exquisite, some excessive. As the first tangible result of the project, it's an auspicious start. □

In the high mountains of Sicily, a quieter and wilder world

By CAIN BURDEA

GANGI, Sicily (AP) — Far from the packed beaches of Sicily's busy coastlines, there's a quieter and wilder world in its high mountains. In more dangerous times, this was where much of Sicily's population settled, building castles, towns, monasteries and churches on steep slopes and the tops of mountains as protection against invaders and pirates.

This history of treasured isolation is stunningly revealed in the Madonie Mountains, a set of dramatic peaks dominating Sicily's north-central coast where the inhabitants live in towns that nesting eagles would be fond to call home.

When night falls, these mountaintop towns, lit up by the glow of lights, hang in the sky, complementing the constellations and shooting stars that can be seen here, a rare spot in Italy where light pollution isn't a problem.

One of these hanging towns is Geraci Siculo, built with vistas of the Tyrrhenian Sea and, far off over mountains, Mount Etna, Sicily's smoldering volcano.

To reach Geraci Siculo from the coast means taking a snaking highway up past vineyards, olive orchards, small gardens, livestock and the lively, medieval town of Castelbuono before climbing again through cork tree forests to reach 3,600 feet (1,100 meters) above sea level.

But the vertical ascent is not over. Reaching the piazza and the ruins of a me-



This Aug. 4, 2018 photo shows a view of the Madonie Mountains in northern Sicily.

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dieval castle involves an ascent on foot up narrow staircases and streets, past quiet houses and balconies, embellished with an abundance of flowers in the warmer months. In summer, it's cool and refreshing here, a relief from the sweltering heat below. It's even chilly at times, as a mountain storm rolls through all day, delivering an operatic show of thunder, lightning, rains, brilliant displays of sun and darkness with banks of clouds.

Inside a shop, Giovanni Paruta, a 48-year-old butcher, is slicing veal for a client. "It's the good air," he said about what makes his town special. "The people, they are so welcoming."

He handled the slices of veal carefully, and then added: "The water. The

water of Geraci has a lot of minerals in it. It's water that arrives straight from the mountain." The town bottles this mineral-rich water and sells it, and it gushes year-round from public fountains.

Many locals leave their doors open and say they enjoy life's simple pleasures. "We don't have a lot of needs up here," said Graziella Puleo, a 57-year-old school bus driver and town volunteer in Petralia Soprana, another dramatic mountain town.

For her, and so many others, growing a garden is one of those pleasures. Pointing to rows of vegetables, Puleo listed them: "Green beans, zucchini, eggplants, peppers. They're better than what you can buy in the store. I put nothing on them but water and a bit of animal manure."

Traditions carry on, too. There are shepherds, whose flocks of sheep often slow traffic on smaller roads. Family-run shops sell delicious local cheeses, breads and sweets. And every town has its artisans and tinkers, who can make and repair anything it seems, from an old pair of shoes to a watch that's stopped working.

"I fix anything," said Rosario Scancarello, a 71-year-old handyman in Geraci Siculo, working on a broken

toilet float ball. Proving his point, he pulled out a highly-prized accordion he'd previously restored.

The Madonie Mountains are also a place where a bounty of ingredients found in the wild — mushrooms, mint, fennel, truffles, oregano, berries, chestnuts — are cherished by locals who forage for them in the mountains.

Wildlife is found here too — a rarity in Italy. There are eagles and falcons, wild pigs, foxes, deer, wild sheep. There are places where the sounds of humans fade away, replaced by breeze, animals and silence.

Despite the bucolic setting, not everything is rosy here, many residents said. Why? No jobs, which has, for decades, led to emigration.

"When I was born, there were between 150 and 200 children born a year," said Santo Sottile, a 57-year-old high school mathematics teacher in Gangi. "Now there are maybe 30 born a year." Gangi is an ancient theater of human activity precipitously arranged on a hillside overlooking a vast plateau of rolling hills and cone-shaped peaks. This is the interior of Sicily, once a breadbasket for the Roman empire.

But in the modern world, "there is no work. The kids are forced to go away. This will inevitably lead to a decline," Sottile said.

He looked around the cafe, where he sat alone reading the newspaper on a Saturday afternoon. Outside on the main street, foot traffic was light.

"When we were young, there would have been hundreds, if not thousands, of people" out and about at the height of summer, he added as the cafe owner nodded.

"The Madonie," Sottile said. "What remains? Certainly the history." With that, he got up and went over to the Saint Nicholas Church, a fabulous example of rococo art.

Where to start? It's filled with paintings, candles and dangling lights, statuary of saints, gold, a crypt with mummies, history. A gigantic painting of the Last Judgment by Giuseppe Salerno, a 17th century Gangi painter, soars up to the ceiling in a back corner. □



This Aug. 4, 2018 shows a view of Gangi, a medieval town in the Madonie Mountains of northern Sicily.

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This Aug. 4, 2018 shows Rosario Restivo, a basket maker, dressed as a traditional Sicilian mountain farmer at a display showing how wheat was once made.

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